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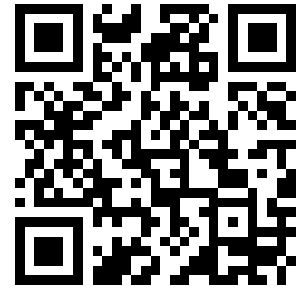

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STEPHENSON.—On the 23rd January, at Throckley House, Newburn, Northumberland the wife of Maj. W. E. Stephenson—a son.

MARRIAGE.

ORR—HART DYKE.—On the 6th January, 1920, at St. Mary's, Wallingford, by the Rev. A. Caldicott, Vicar of Warborough, assisted by the Rev. H. Bowen, Rector of the Parish, Capt. E. A. B. Orr, M.C., Royal Berkshire Regiment, eldest son of Mr. James Orr, of Tunbridge Wells, to Helen Landra Millecent, only child of Lieut.-Col. George Hart Dyke, late Northumberland Fusiliers, and Mrs. G. H. Dyke, of Shillingford Hill, Wallingford.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

HDQS. OF ADMIN. SERVS. AND DEPTS.

ASST. CONTROLLER OF LAB. (CL. BB).—Lieut. G. B. Atkinson, North. Fusrs., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 20th Nov., 1919).

HDQS. FOR EMBARKATION DUTIES.

ASST. EMB. STAFF OFFICER (CL. FF).—Lieut. F. E. Dotchin, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., T.F., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 16th Dec., 1919).

The following relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt.:—Lieut. G. Thorneycroft, M.C., North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be emplyd. with an Offr. Cadet Unit (dated 20th Feby., 1919).

GENERAL STAFF.

G.S.O., 1ST GRADE.—Bt. Lieut.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 27th Nov., 1919).

The following appointments are made:—

DEP. ASST. PROV. MARSHAL (CL. FF).—And to be tempy. Capt. whilst so emplyd.:—Lieut. E. G. Pemberton, North. Fusrs. (dated 7th Sept., 1919).

ASST. SPECIAL SALVAGE OFFICER (CL. FF).—Lieut. J. L. F. Blood, 3rd North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., and to be tempy. Capt. whilst so emplyd. (dated 12th June, 1919).

(CL. FF).—And to be tempy. Capt. while so emplyd.:—Tempy. Lieut. S. E. Cook, Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs. (dated 28th March, 1919).

BRIG.-MAJ.—Capt. A. C. Milne-Home, M.C., North. Fusrs. (tempy. Maj., W. Afr. Frontier Force) (dated from 1st June, 1918, to 15th Feby., 1919).

STAFF CAPT.—Tempy. Capt. R. W. Rotherford, D.S.O., M.C., Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 9th April to 16th Dec., 1919).

DEP. PROV. MARSHAL (CL. BB).—Maj. B. W. E. Gething, North. Fusrs., from an A.P.M. (Cl. FF), and to be tempy. Lieut.-Col. whilst so emplyd. (dated 26th Nov., 1919).

MEMORANDA.

The following relinquishes tempy. rank of Capt.:—Tempy. Lieut. C. A. Collingwood, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., on vacating appt. as a Courts-martial Offr. (dated 9th Aug., 1919).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut.-Col. J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., to be Col. (dated 21st July, 1919).

Capt. C. H. Markham is restd. to the estbt. (dated 19th Nov.).

Capt. F. B. Corbet-Singleton is placed on the h.p. list and retains his present employment at the War Office (dated 1st Jany.).

The following tempy. Lieuts., Serv. Batts., relinquish the actg. rank of Capt.:—W. R. Allen (dated 4th April, 1919); R. J. Rogers, M.C. (dated 8th Nov., 1919).

Tempy. Maj. E. G. G. Burdon, O.B.E. (Maj., ret., Spec. Res.), relinquishes his tempy. commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 8th Jany.), and retains the rank of Maj.

Lieut. E. M. Watts is placed on the h.p. list, and retains his present employment in Record Office, Shrewsbury (dated 13th Jany.).

Lieut. G. Hunter, M.C., to take rank and prec. in the Corps and in the Army as if his appt. as Lieut. bore date 3rd Nov., 1919.

Tempy. Lieut. U. H. Dodd, M.C., Serv. Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 8th Nov., 1919); Lieut. J. C. Whyte retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 15th Jany.), and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Col.

Lieut. G. Clarke, M.C., 3rd N. Staff. R., Spec. Res., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (dated 13th June, 1919).

Maj. H. W. Archer retires on ret. pay (dated 24th Jany.).

The following Gentlemen Cadets, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd-Lieuts, with effect from 17th Dec., 1919:—W. N. C. Crawhall, J. W. C. Vernon.

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2nd-Lieut. A. Prince retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 28th Jany.).

Capt. and Bt. Maj. W. Platt, D.S.O,. is restd. to the estbt. (dated 16th Jany.).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—Lieut. H. J. Bailes relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 9th Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut.

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. F. F. Ridley is restd. to the estbt. (dated 13th Sept., 1919).

The King has been pleased to confer the Territorial Decoration upon the following Officers, who have been duly recommended :—

6th Batt.—Maj. E. Temperley, D.S.O.

4th Batt.—Lieut. M. Ayton is restd. to the estbt. (dated 1st Dec., 1919).

5th Batt.—Capt. J. H. Swan, M.C., is restd. to the estbt. (dated 17th Dec., 1919).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. N. Duke is restored to the estab. (dated 24th Dec., 1919).

7th Batt.—Lieut. H. J. Clarke is restd. to the estbt. (dated 15th Jany.).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) W. H. Middleton, D.S.O. (Hamps. R.), relinquishes tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. 10th Batt. (dated 29th March, 1919).

The notification regarding tempy. Capt. L. B. Proctor, M.C., North. Fusrs. (Serv. Batt.) in *Gazette* 10th July, 1919, is cancelled.

53rd Batt.—Capt. (Bt. Maj.) B. H. H. Perry, D.S.O., M.C. (R. Scots), to be actg. Maj. while sec. in cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 19th April, 1919, to 11th July, 1919).

40th Batt.—Lieut. G. C. Smithson, M.C. (23rd Batt. Lond. R., T.F.), to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 7th Aug., 1919).

Tempy. Lieut. A. B. McKeand, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Nov., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. (tempy. Capt. while spec. emplyd.) S. D. Proffitt, M.C., is seconded while emplyd. with Corps of Mil. Accountants (dated 19th Nov., 1919); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. T. Lightly to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Nov., 1919), with prec. next above W. Parkin (substituted for *Gazette* notification 15th Dec., 1919, specifying date as 1st Nov., 1918).

Tempy. Maj. H. L. Llewellyn relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Nov., 1919), and retains the rank of Major.

51st Batt.—Tempy. Lieut.-Col. W. P. S. Foord, D.S.O. (Maj., Bt. Lieut.-Col., Glouc. R.), from 53rd Batt. North. Fusrs., retains the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. while cmndg. the Batt. (dated 14th Oct., 1919), with seniority from 22nd Aug., 1916.

Tempy. Lieut. G. N. Simon is secd. while emplyd. with Corps of Mil. Accountants (dated 19th Nov., 1919).

Tempy. Lieut. C. Tolkein is secd. while emplyd. with Corps of Mil. Accountants (dated 19th Nov., 1919); tempy. Lieut. J. Fisken relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 9th Jany.) and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. C. Southgate, M.C., from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capt. (dated 29th July, 1918), with seniority from 8th Jany., 1915; Tempy. Capt. C. Southgate, M.C., is seconded on appt. as probr. to Ind. Army in the rank of tempy. Lieut. (dated 29th July, 1918), with seniority from 19th June, 1916 (substituted for *Gazette* notification 19th Sept. 1919, under Memoranda, p. 11154); tempy. Lieut. J. E. Bloomfield relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th Nov., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. Noble is secd. on appt. as probr. to Ind. Army (dated 8th March, 1918) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 10th April, 1918, under General List).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.—A. A. Morris, M.C. (dated 22nd July, 1917), with prec. next below H. G. King; J. M. Hamilton (dated 18th June, 1919), with prec. next below D. Firth.

51st Batt.—Tempy. Capt. M. B. Constant, M.C. (York R. (serv. Batt.)), relinquishes the appt. of Adjt. (dated 17th Aug., 1919).

Tempy. Lieut. S. J. Willmott relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th Oct., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Lieut. J. W. Hunter, D.S.O. (North. Fusrs., Spec. Res.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with a Serv. Batt. (dated 19th March, 1919); tempy. Lieut. A. J. Parslow relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Oct., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. F. Docherty to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 26th Dec., 1919).

53rd Batt.—Capt. W. McCall, M.C. (3rd Batt. Gord. Highrs., Spec. Res.), relinquishes appt. of Adjt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with Batt. (dated 16th Nov., 1919).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Lambert to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby., 1919), with prec. next above J. Shield.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. H. Jones to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June, 1919), with prec. next below F. Williamson.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. C. W. Hughes to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June, 1919), with prec. next below J. S. Claxton.

Tempy. Lieut. J. Burman relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th March, 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. R. E. S. Dean relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Nov., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. M. Dyson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 29th Nov., 1919), with prec. next above H. Pawsey.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. H. R. B. Wayman, D.S.O., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd March, 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.; tempy. Lieut.-Col. J. Brunton, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 25th May, 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.; tempy. Lieut. J. W. C. Hawkings relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 18th Oct., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. C. Hancock, D.S.O., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 5th May, 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.

Tempy. Lieut. C. D. Cater relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd Dec., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. S. E. Cook relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 25th Dec., 1919), and is granted the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. R. M. Huntrods relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 14th June, 1919).

Tempy. Lieut. S. F. Egan relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 18th Nov., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. R. Dunnett to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next below W. Bryon.

Lieut. R. Trenam, M.C., M.B.E., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with a Serv. Batt. (dated 10th April, 1919); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. L. F. Lethard to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919); tempy. Lieut. L. F. Lethard relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th May, 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 16th Aug., 1919).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

3rd Home Serv. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. O. Chambers relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd Dec., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.

LABOUR CORPS.

Lieut. G. B. Atkinson (3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res.) relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Corps (dated 25th Nov., 1919).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. P. of W. Coys. :—J. A. Bell (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) (dated 28th Jany., 1919).

To be actg. Capt. while cmndg. P. of W. Coy. :—Tempy. Lieut. W. MacGregor (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) (dated 13th Jany., 1919, to 22nd Dec., 1919).

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VOLUNTEER FORCE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

1st Batt.—Tempy. Maj. and Sec.-in-Cmnd. R. E. E. Spencer relinquishes his commsn. (dated 15th Jany.), and is granted the hon. rank of Maj. The following tempy. Capts. relinquish their commsns. (dated 15th Jany.), and are granted the hon. rank of Capt.:—C. P. Sherwin, J. S. Waller, R. G. E. Mortimer, G. E. Charlton, J. G. Little, J. Tinn, W. B. H. Gallway.

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsn. (dated 15th Jany.) and are granted hon. rank of Lieut.:—C. E. Arnott, G. S. Flood, R. M. Sutton, H. Dunford, S. Holmes, F. R. Cumberlege, H. P. Irving, H. C. Girling, B. R. Reed, R. Rowe, H. C. Stephens, H. W. Bolam, J. Gibson, J. R. Elliott, J. Jameson, F. E. Thew. The following tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. (dated 15th Jany.), and are granted hon. rank of 2nd-Lieut.:—J. Stoker, T. Clark, J. P. Toulmin, R. Brady, J. Wight, C. L. Snowden, G. E. Taylor, J. G. Clemitson, T. D. Bland, E. Armstrong, A. M. Rose, W. Rose. The following Qrmrs. and tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. (dated 15th Jany.), and are granted hon. rank of Lieut.:—L. W. Williamson, J. H. Whiteley.

3rd Batt.—Tempy. Capt. and Sec.-in-Cmnd. J. W. Hogarth relinquishes his commsn. (dated 15th Jany.), and is granted the hon. rank of Capt.

The following tempy. Capts. relinquish their commsns. (dated 15th Jany.), and are granted the hon. rank of Capt.:—T. Percival, R. J. Weeks, J. Lee. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. (dated 15th Jany.), and are granted the hon. rank of Lieut.:—J. W. Mitchell, A. F. Gibson, J. Parkin, E. Graham, F. C. Hallowes. The following tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. (dated 15th Jany.), and are granted the hon. rank of 2nd-Lieut.:—H. N. Bell, R. Parkin, E. S. Clough, A. Dorin, W. Hall, G. Dunn, A. Scott, W. Johnson, M. H. Wiglesworth, W. Marshall, W. Auld; Qrmr. and tempy. Lieut. J. Falls relinquishes his commsn. (dated 15th Jany.), and is granted the hon. rank of Lieut.

WAR HONOURS.

The King has been pleased to give orders for the following reward for distinguished and valuable services rendered in connection with military operations in Siberia (dated 3rd June, 1919).

M.B.E. (MILITARY DIVISION).

Capt. G. H. Middleton, 5th Batt. North. Fusrs.

WAR OFFICE,
16th January.

The following are among the decorations and medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission in all cases to wear the decorations and medals in question:—

CONFERRED BY THE SULTAN OF EGYPT.

ORDER OF THE NILE (3RD CLASS).

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. (tempy. Lieut.-Col.) S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., North. Fusrs.

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

MEDAILLE D'HONNEUR AVEC GLAIVES "EN VERMEIL."

Lieut. F. E. Dotchin, 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.) (attd. Lab. Corps).

WAR OFFICE,
21st January.

The King has approved of the following immediate award for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in North Russia conferred by Maj.-Gen. C. C. M. Maynard, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., in pursuance of the powers vested in him by His Majesty:—

MURMANSK COMMAND.

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Tempy. Lieut. W. Little, North. Fusrs., attd. Korelian Vol. Batt.—For marked gallantry and devotion to duty. On the night of 13th-14th Sept., 1919, he was in command of a post of fifty men, near Mikheeva Selga, when he was surrounded and repeatedly attacked by the enemy. The action lasted for six hours. Although early wounded he held the post until dawn, thus enabling operations to be carried out as originally planned.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The King has commanded, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for War, that the following appointments to the Order of the British Empire, which were published in the *London Gazette* on the dates stated, shall be transferred to the Military Division of the Order, in terms of the notification published in the *London Gazette* of 27th December, 1918, and in continuation of the transfers notified in the *London Gazette* dated 15th April, 1919:—

KNIGHT COMMANDER.

Col. J. Wallace, North. Fusrs. (dated 24th Aug., 1917).

MENTIONS FOR WAR SERVICE.

MESOPOTAMIA AND SALONIKA.

WAR OFFICE,
12th January.

The names of the following Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men are to be added to those brought to notice for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty:—

MESOPOTAMIA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

No. 63083 Sgt. (act. R.S.M.) G. Cosens, 2nd (Garr.) Batt., attd. R.A.M.C.
,, 57150 Lce.-Cpl. J. Cresswell, 2nd (Garr.) Batt., attd. R.A.M.C.
,, 56711 Lce.-Cpl. G. R. Williams, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

MILITARY ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT.

No. 206341 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) J. W. Harley, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

POSTAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 26807 Pte. (actg. Q.M.S.) H. P. Barker, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

No. 64000 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) W. E. Foulds, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 63092 Lce.-Cpl. J. Salt, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

No. 62972 Sgt. (actg. C.Q.M.S.) R. Butterworth, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 49171 Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) W. E. Button, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 64056 Sgt. (actg. C.Q.M.S.) W. Fudge, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 56726 Pte. (actg. Cpl.) C. James, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 53341 Pte. T. H. Jones, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 48587 Pte. (act. Sgt.) C. T. Matthews, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 49427 Sgt. (act. C.Q.M.S.) A. S. Mould, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 26868 Pte. H. Peebles, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

LABOUR AND PORTER CORPS.

No. 57097 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) W. Golding, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 49332 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) A. G. Tappell, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 50659 Lce.-Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) C. F. Thacker, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

PORT TRAFFIC.

No. 62941 Cpl. H. C. Perry, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 49456 Sgt. A. V. Day, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.
,, 27178 Pte. F. G. Thompson, 2nd (Garr.) Batt. North. Fusrs.

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Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

January, 1920.

Wars and rumours of wars! Since last writing there have been not a few of them; but it is now some weeks since the die was cast—so far as we are concerned—in favour of peaceful residence at Bordon for some time to come.

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Life continues much the same as usual. Company training occupies a good portion of each 24 hours for Z Coy., whose vast cohorts can daily be seen practicing the art of war.

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A fire alarm at 00.30 hours on the 8th caused some excitement. It turned out to be the Canteen of the Royal Fusiliers, across the road, and after a brief vigil on the Parade Ground we turned in again.

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On Friday, the 16th, Maj. Le Gallias, an old 5th Fusilier now serving with the Royal Scots Fusiliers, dined in Mess.

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On the 12th we played the 17th Lancers at hockey on the Officers' Cricket Ground, and lost two goals to one.

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On the 14th we played the 1st Royal Fusiliers at Soccer on our own ground and won four goals to *nil*.

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On the 16th the Officers played the Sergeants at hockey, on the Officers' Cricket Ground. Teams as follows:—

OFFICERS.—Lieut. F. Price (*goal*); Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O, 2nd-Lieut. Styran (*backs*); Lieut. C. T. Smith, Lieut. Hogshaw, M.C., Capt. Dorman-Smith, M.C. (*half-backs*); Lieut. Fenwick, M.C., Lieut.-Col. Wild, D.S.O., Lieut. Thorneycrott, M.C., Capt. E. C. M. Buckley, Lieut. Attwater (*forwards*).

SERGEANTS.—Sgt. Brooks (*goal*); Sgt. Fletcher and C.Q.M.S. Cole (*backs*); Q.M.S. Adelard, Sgt. Newton, Band-Sgt. Stafford (*half-backs*); Sgt. P. Grundy, Sgt. (1415) Read, Q.M.S. Pock, Sgt. Clare, Sgt. Warriner (*forwards*).

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Extra time, ten minutes each way, was given and the match resulted in the Officers winning by 2 goals to *nil*.

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On the 28th we pulled the Royal Scots Fusiliers in the Tug-of-War Tournament arranged by the A.C.A.A., Aldershot. The result was a win for the Royal Scots Fusiliers by two pulls to none. Teams were 110 stone.

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The Company Knock-Out Competition results are as follows:—

SECOND ROUND.

81st Battery R.F.A. *versus* X Coy. Fifth Fusiliers.—R.F.A. won 8—5.

84th Battery R.F.A. *versus* Z Coy. Fifth Fusiliers.—Z Coy. won 2—0.

B Squadron 17th Lancers *versus* W Coy. Fifth Fusiliers.—Drawn match 2—2.

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THE THIRD ROUND OF THE ARMY CUP.

On the 24th we played the South Wales Borderers in the 3rd Round of the Army Cup at Blackdown.

Kick-off was at 14.30 hours and we, losing the toss, kicked against the wind. After a few minutes play the FIFTH broke away and C.Q.M.S. Clarke got in a shot which went over the goal.

Mid-field play followed, after which the FIFTH settled down and played a real good game.

C.Q.M.S. Clarke again got the ball and passed to outside left, who centred well. Sgt. Newton took the pass but shot into the goalkeeper's hands. Owing to the wind the ball was continually going out.

After a pass by Pte. Smart, C.Q.M.S. Clarke again broke through and had the goal at his mercy when he was charged in the back by a South Wales Borderer half-back. A penalty was awarded. C.Q.M.S. Clarke took the kick but drove the ball straight at the goalkeeper who was able to tip it over the bar. From the ensuing corner kick there were no results. Mid-field play followed till half-time.

Result at half-time, 0—0.

In the second half, with the wind in their favour, the FIFTH had things pretty well their own way and in fact did everything but score, C.Q.M.S. Clarke making some more very fine runs through.

Result full time, 0—0.

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A quarter of an hour's extra time each way was given, and again the FIFTH lost the toss and had to play against the wind. The South Wales Borderers were kept out till half-time, and Bdns. Benson was responsible for two good passes which were, however, turned to no account.

Result at half-time, 0—0.

The wind was now in our favour. The South Wales Borderers broke away a few times but were stopped by our backs. Only five minutes were left when Pte. Kerr scored. Bdns. Obey scored our second goal soon after.

Result at time:—The Fifth, 2; South Wales Borderers, 0.

This brings us into the 4th Round of the Army Cup.

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The team for the 3rd Round of the Army Cup was as follows:—Cpl. Purcell, X Coy. (*goal*); Lce.-Cpl. Peppcatt, Z Coy., Lce.-Cpl. Windram, W Coy. (*backs*); Sgt. Newton, Z Coy., Pte. Smart, Y Coy., Cpl. Walsh, Z Coy. (*half-backs*); Bdns. Benson, Z Coy., Pte. Kerr, X Coy., C.Q.M.S. Clarke, Y Coy. (captain), Pte. Ratcliffe, X Coy., Bdns. Obey, Z Coy. (*forwards*).

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With further reference to notes on canine ferocity in our last contribution. A miraculous change has taken place. We observed Cerberus only a few days ago stepping with the mien of a mild village curate across the road. Can there be an *Orpheus* in Bordon?

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Officers posted since last issue of *St. George's Gazette*:—

Capt. R. H. Hoffman	23/12/19
Capt C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O.	10/ 1/20
Lieut. G. Girdlestone	12/ 1/20
Lieut. W. Watson, M.C.	12/ 1/20
Lieut. W. H. N. Dent	14/ 1/20
Lieut. J. Bailey	14/ 1/20

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Officers struck off:—

Lieut. T. A. Oakshott, 10/1/20, transferred to Welsh Guards.
Capt. Corbet Singleton, 1/1/20, retired on half pay.
Lieut. T. H. McLean, attd. R.I. Rifles, 6/1/20.
Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. F. Ramsay, 6/1/20, demobilised.
Lieut. E. M. Watts, retired on half pay, *London Gazette* 14/1/20.
Lieut. J. C. Whyte, retired with gratuity, 16/1/20.

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2ND BATTALION NOTES.

MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
10th December, 1919.

At last some of our mails, and with them newspapers, are beginning to reach us and we are regaining touch with the outside world. Apparently it takes almost exactly six weeks for a letter posted in England to reach Mosul. This makes us realise that our last notes posted a fortnight ago will be hopelessly late for the Christmas Number and that these now being written will be just addenda to those already despatched. (*The notes referred to reached us just in time for stop press insertion last month.*—EDITOR, *St. George's Gazette.*)

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This at least gives us the opportunity of correcting a serious omission which was made in the hurry of writing the account of our doings in November. Mention was made of Mr. Thurston's success at the Amarah Gymkhana but we omitted to record the further successes gained for the Battalion in these sports and now send a list of the winners and of those who obtained places.

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Events at Amarah Sports in which Battalion representatives were placed:—

Mile Race.—1st, Sgt. Kirkup; 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Swain.
100 Yards.—1st, Sgt. Fitzgerald.
120 Yards Hurdles.—2nd, Sgt. Prior; 3rd, Sgt. Fitzgerald.
High Jump.—2nd, Sgt. Prior.
Mule Race.—1st, Pte. Stephenson.

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At a time when we could have done well with a few Officers surplus to establishment we have now been for over three months with little more than half our full number. News comes one week which leads us to believe that Maj. X and Capt. Z. must now be half-way up the Persian Gulf; by the next mail we learn that Maj. X is still awaiting in London the decision of the War Office as to whether he is to serve at home or abroad and that Capt. Z is still somewhere in the Caucasus—and so on!

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Subaltern Officers are gaining plenty of all round experience in the art of one man doing two men's jobs but they are of a notoriously unappreciative breed and do not always recognise the benefit derived from the unique opportunities afforded them in this respect.

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But, seriously, we cannot believe that the situation is quite realised at home, as we feel sure that if the extent to which the Battalion in general and Officers in particular are affected by this continued shortage were better known the endless obstacles presented to arriving at a more satisfactory state of affairs would speedily disappear.

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The Battalion forms part of the 54th Infantry Brigade of 18th Division, whose headquarters are in Mosul. Brig.-Gen. Laurie is in temporary command of the Division during the absence on leave of Maj.-Gen. Fraser. Our Brigadier, Brig.-Gen. Nightingale, is due to return to Mosul shortly with the remainder of the Brigade from a punitive expedition which entered Kurdistan shortly before our arrival.

Other British Battalions recently sent out to Mesopotamia are stationed at the following places:—

Royal Irish Rifles—Baghdad.
4th Royal Fusiliers—Kirkuk.
Rifle Brigade—Baijli (N. of Baghdad).
Irish Fusiliers—Northern Persia.

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The Battalion Football Team has not yet been beaten in Mesopotamia and the following shows some of the results in addition to those already sent:—

	Goals.
Nov.—v. Convalescent Depôt, Amarah	5—0
Dec. 1st.—v. C Battery, R.F.A.	3—2
Dec. 3rd.—v. 18th Div. Signal Coy.	4—0
Dec. 5th.—v. C Battery, R.F.A.	1—0
Dec. 8th.—v. 18th Div. Signal Coy.	2—0

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In a hockey match between the Officers and Sergeants, the latter team proved the winners by 4 goals to 3.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

MOSUL,
18th December, 1919.

We groused at Catterick, we grumbled on the s.s. *Derbyshire*, words failed us on the s.s. *Shuja*, but the afternoon of the 9th October when we arrived at Basrah was the overflow to our cup of bitterness.

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After a short stay, our next halting place was Amarah, which was our temporary home; long enough to enable physical culture to once again come to the fore, to an extent in fact that it carried off the Remount Depôts' Open Mile, our P.T. Instructor leading in the others by fully 250 yards.

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Continuing our journey on the Paddle Steamer 55 we arrived at Baghdad, but our stay there being so short, no opportunity was given us to see the home of Sinbad the Sailor.

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Next comes the glorious railway; a pleasant reminder of good old days in France. After about 12 hours, we arrived at Shargat, a place of which little is known and still less seen.

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Our worthy "Red Hats" had at last come to the conclusion that we had been carried far enough; therefore the remainder of the journey, *viz.*, 70 miles, was to be done on Shanks.

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Our first day, which started with only nine miles, provided the baggage guard, etc., with an entertainment not to be equalled by a night at the Palace. The little carts, originally made to carry about 30 kits, having fully 100 on and six rolls of blankets; the Quartermaster's remark at the time being: "just a little extra." Even the mules when they first saw the load knew something was wrong, but nevertheless, after five days we arrived at Mosul, which from the hilltop about seven miles away gave one the impression that at last we had arrived at the glorious city. Thanks to the advance party and the 1/5th Royal West Kents, who had been looking for us for fully twelve months, a dinner was awaiting us, to which we did full justice.

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We have got the mess going in splendid style, our thanks being due to the President of the Messing Committee, and it is now possible to hear the daily and plainly asked question: "Curry or plain, sir?"

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Well, considering everything, we might perhaps have been worse off. Oh! lest I forget before I ring off, I must tell of a day's outing we had last Thursday, 4th December, thanks to our more than energetic Padre. We went on a visit to that very, very ancient city of Biblical days, Nineveh, where we all had the pleasure of seeing Jonah's tomb and the ever famous whale bone. More about this pleasant day's outing I am hoping to be able to tell you in due course; also hope to send you some photographs of the different sights, reminisences of ancient days which we saw.

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Fear of trespassing on your valuable space compels me to conclude till next month.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

24th January, 1920.

A Happy New Year to all present and past Officers, Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers and men of the 3rd Battalion wherever they may be! The future is at present uncertain, but we all hope and believe that the close of the present year will see the old Battalion once more settled down on its pre-war peace footing with its functions and future definitely assured.

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Past and present Militia and Special Reserve Officers gathered in large numbers at the Royal United Service Institution in Whitehall, on Thursday afternoon, January 15th, to consider the position of the Special Reserve and to discuss the effect of the proposed changes in its organization and administration. Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes represented the 3rd Battalion, and many Officers of Northern Battalions which served in the same sections and Brigades with us at East Boldon and on Salisbury Plain during the war were present, including Lieut.-Cols. W. Briggs and K. Leather, of the 4th D.L.I., and Lieut.-Col. E. Wise, of the 3rd Sherwood Foresters. The proceedings have been fully reported in the Press of the 15th and 16th January.

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In the absence of Lord Raglan, through illness, the chair was taken by Lieut.-Col. Sir A. Leetham, Royal Monmouthshire R.E. The Chairman said that it was common knowledge that the Militia of England dated back to the period of King Alfred, and since that period it had been the constitutional force of this country. After indicating the services of the Militia from the time of the Spanish Armada to the South African War, the Chairman said that of the present units 47 were raised and had been in continued existence since 1660. Comparisons were invariably odious, but he could not help remarking that, with the exception of the H.A.C. and certain Yeomanry Regiments, no Territorial Unit could lay claim to having been in continual existence previous to 1859. The whole of the Special Reserve units were embodied in 1914 and took over the training of Officers and other ranks for the supplying of drafts. It had been possible to ascertain from the returns available that the average number of Officers and men trained and dispatched to the Battalions in the field per Special Reserve Unit was:—Officers, 667; other ranks, 17,458. (The figure of the 3rd Northumberland Fusiliers in men was 22,000, well over the average.) This gave a total of:—Officers, 67,307; other ranks, 1,763,258. That was a rough but generally correct estimate; it was, indeed, a low estimate, as it only included the Infantry Units; of the Cavalry, Artillery and Engineers no figures were available. Taking the total number of men raised in the British Empire at about 8,000,000 the Special Reserve trained and dispatched to the field approximated one quarter of the whole.

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Brig.-Gen. Massy Lloyd (3rd Suffolks) said that at the beginning of the War he was told by a high official that the Expeditionary Force could not have kept the field for six months if it had not been for the Special Reserve. He quoted an extract from Lord Haig's dispatch of April, 1918, praising the services of the Special Reserve and said that from inherent differences in terms of service and personnel a Force constituted on Territorial Force lines could not fulfil the same functions.

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Col. Lord Ampthill (3rd Bedfordshires) asked what the Special Reserve had done that it should be done to death without even a charge being brought against it and without any opportunity of pleading at the Bar of Public Opinion. The Army could not have kept the field for six weeks, let alone months, without the Special Reserve. Without the Special Reserve the New Army could not have been built up. It had kept the old Army alive during the early months of the war during the formation of the new Service Battalions which it had helped largely to form and during the training at home of the bulk of the Territorial Units it had done all the drafting and all the coast defence. Subsequently it had kept the New and the Old Army alive with drafts to say nothing of the Garrison and Labour Battalions and other extemporized units. The Special Reserve had carried through its onerous and thankless duties with the highest degree of success and as a reward there was a possibility of its being abolished.

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Col. Crichton-Browne (4th K.O.S.B.), Lieut.-Col. Swifte (4th Dublin Fusiliers), Col. Sir William Watts, Lieut.-Col. Hawkes and other Officers also spoke.

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The following resolution was proposed by Sir A. Leetham, seconded by Lord Ampthill and carried unanimously:—"This representative meeting of present and past Militia and Special Reserve Officers desires to express its great regret that proposals are being put forward to disband the units of the Special Reserve. This meeting points out that the Special Reserve represents the Militia, the oldest military force in the country, and has a long and meritorious record reaching back to the earliest periods of our history. The meeting also urges that before His Majesty's Government arrives at a final decision consideration may be given to the undoubted claims of the Special Reserve to be included as units in any future Reserve Force that may be established, whether on a Territorial or other basis."

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A deputation of serving Commanding Officers was then selected to proceed to the War Office at the invitation of

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the Secretary of State to place their views before him. Lieut.-Col. Hawkes accompanied the deputation, which was received by Mr. Churchill and Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson. The War Secretary gave close and sympathetic attention to the statements of the deputation and promised that they should have the earnest consideration of the authorities.

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DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
26th January, 1920.

The Christmas Festivities passed off with the usual good spirit and enjoyment. Every effort was made in spite of ruling high prices of commodities, to equal, if not outdo, the pre-war extras to the men's meals on Christmas Day.

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On the 9th the Cadre of the 2nd Garrison Battalion, consisting of 4 Officers and 7 N.C.O.'s, arrived at Newcastle-on-Tyne from India, where the Battalion has been stationed since 1915.

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The following were the Officers:—Lieut.-Col. W. B. Stilwell, D.S.O., Hampshire Regt.; Maj. S. L. Arnott; Capt. and Adjt. J. B. R. McDonald; Actg. Qrmr. Lieut. W. C. Storie, D.S.O., H.L.I.

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The following old Regular Non-Commissioned Officers turned up with it, and we were glad to see them back again:—R.S.M. A. J. Clarke, R.Q.M.S. C. M. Kenning, Sgt. Master-Tailor A. Ireland and C.S.M. H. Poole.

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The Cadre was met at the Station by the Lord Mayor and party who gave the Cadre a civic welcome.

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Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., attended on behalf of the Depôt.

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We have had visits from the following Officers during the month:—Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., etc., Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., etc., Maj. A. C. Milne-Home, M.C., Capt. M. Blackett Ord, Capt. the Hon. M. Stonor (who left the 2nd Battalion in Aldershot), Lieut. and Qrmr. S. Sleath and Lieut. and Qrmr. W. Thompson.

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Salvage and rat catching are receiving serious attention and it would be well for owners not to leave such things as spare motor cars about. The Depôt Salvage Brigade are open to salvage anything from a tin tack to a needle.

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Rat catching is certainly not receiving that excited group of followers "The Hunt" deserves. The official huntsman would no doubt like to see some more enthusiasm displayed. Will "hunters" please note?

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Recruiting has been brisker this month and we have done a fair business on behalf of the 39th Battalion.

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We have to thank the following for the good wishes for Christmas and the New Year:—Editor, *St. George's Gazette*, 1st and 2nd Battalions, 1st Batt. Durham L.I., Col. and Mrs. Gordon, A.P.M., Newcastle-on-Tyne, Officers, H.M.S. *Vimera*.

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The annual combined Christmas Tree and Social for the 5/68th Regimental Depôts was held in the Gymnasium on the 30th December, 1919. The proceedings commenced with a tea which all the married families attended. During the tea the Depôt Band, under the able leadership of Band-Sgt. Slater, played selections which were greatly appreciated. A ventriloquist and Punch and Judy Show was then given, to the great enjoyment of the children.

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The Christmas Tree was then exposed to view and toys distributed by Father Christmas, most ably depicted by O.R.Q.M.S. Letchfield, D.L.I., who entered the hall by the roof. The remainder of the evening was devoted to children's games which they heartily enjoyed. A number of dances were also given for the ladies and gentlemen. The evening concluded in the usual way about 9.30 p.m.

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Thanks are due to the following ladies for the work in making the proceedings a success:—Mrs. Cruddas, Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Watson.

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C.S.M. Gutteridge and Band-Sgt. Slater also deserve thanks for their hard work in their respective spheres in adding to the enjoyment.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st January, 1920.

These notes being contained in the first number of a New Year and a new volume, it will not be taken amiss, we hope, if we once more appeal to *all* to do their bit towards the support of the *St. George's Gazette* now entering upon its 38th Volume. Some *can* write but lack subjects about which to write. Others cannot write (or swear they cannot) but have interesting experiences to relate. May we suggest that these two classes amalgamate *pro bono publico?*

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Another good resolution for 1920, which we bring to the notice of those subscribers desiring to add to Hell's Pavement, is that they solemnly resolve to pay their subscriptions punctually. We have no desire to "buck," but we would remind the dilatory ones that we run this *Gazette* for the love of the thing and not for filthy lucre, and that running it absorbs a great deal of our spare time, and unpunctuality on their part in forking out their subscriptions entails quite a lot of extra work, and claims quite a lot of our spare time that need not be so used if they would take the trouble to look each month at the list, which appears in these notes, of those from whom subscriptions are becoming due. We recently and laboriously sent out over 100 amended bankers' orders to those who pay their subscriptions through their bankers, with the request that they should be signed and returned as soon as possible. Less than 40 have taken the trouble to sign and return them, with the result that many of

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these subscriptions are coming in at the wrong rates and that the individuals concerned will each have to be written to and dunned for the extra amount!!

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Surely it is not asking too much of subscribers to glance each month at the list of subscriptions due, and, either to send along the amount, or to send a post card to say they wish to discontinue being subscribers.

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Naturally the end of the war has let loose a flood of literature concerning the various campaigns, from the "How they wouldn't let *me* win it" type of the gilded staff to the "Drenched in blood midst shot and shell" effort of the Base clerk. We have read a great number of works dealing with the late scuffle, many of them being of quite absorbing interest, but we would particularly recommend to our readers a very modest little work called "Beyond Baghdad with the Leicestershires," by E. J. Thompson, M.C. In it one gets a delightful picture of the life and work of a Battalion of Infantry during the chase of the Turk from Baghdad to the North. It is told with a simplicity of style that makes one see oneself as a member of the Unit, and it is filled with much that is genuinely humourous. The characters in it are drawn from life (we believe we are correct in saying that not even the names are camouflaged), and the absence of all that exaggerated poetical embroidery, with which war authors are so fond of embellishing the deeds of their characters (to their decided detriment may it be said) does not detract one atom from one's admiration of the deeds and actions which Mr. Thompson recounts. A special reason why our readers should possess themselves of a copy of this work is to be found in the admirable picture it gives of the country through which the 2nd Battalion have so recently passed and in which they are now quartered. It is published by Mr. Charles H. Kelly at two prices, *viz.*, 3/- and 5/-.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF A SECOND BATTALION STRETCHER BEARER.

SECOND BATTALION, 1915-1916.

My life from when we received orders for England, 10/11/1914, until the present time, 10/10/1916.

(Concluded from page 172, December, 1919).

After a few days of this we were taken out again and went into billets in Ypres and met the 1st Battalion there and we saw some old pals among whom were Spong, Fuller and some others that we knew. We were only there 24 hours though as we were rushed into action in the same place again, and we S.B.'s were the only S.B.'s of the attacking party present so we had our work cut out, and we were clearing cases from 5 p.m. Saturday night until 9 a.m. Sunday morning, and there were about 200 cases passed through our hands.

The C.O. mentioned that M. Gelespie and the S.B.'s did their work very well indeed.

After this we got a few days' rest, and the next turn of trenches was at Wolvergelm, where the first stretcher bearer was wounded (Rhodes), otherwise all passed without anything particular happening; this brings us up to about the middle of April.

I applied here to go to my duty off S.B.'s but the C.O. wanted me to remain on S.B.'s but said he could not give me any promotion, so I had to make a written application, with the result that I went to my duty as full Corporal for a fortnight on probation at the end of which time if satisfactory I was to be promoted Sergeant. This took place about the 18th of April, so when we moved to support of troops on Hill 60 I was with A Coy. under Capt. Hart. We did nothing there except our Bombers went into the engagement and earned a D.C.M. or two. We left Hill 60 on the night of the 22nd and arrived at the Vlomatinge huts at about midnight, where I found it was my turn for guard and I was performing that duty on St. George's Day, and I was nearly hit by a piece of an anti-aircraft shell which had been fired at a Hun aeroplane.

That night we moved off for another sector of the fray again and while passing through Ypres we had some casualties, among whom was C.S.M. E. Watts.

We landed in the trenches at Zonnebeke early on the morning of the 24th with the red and white roses in our hats; we were still in these trenches when the Germans made their first gas attack on the Zouaves and Canadians and the reserve Companies of our Brigade had to go to the support of the Canadians, and I being in A Coy. was of this party.

We started off and managed to get into the Canadian trenches and being an ex-S.B. I was told to dress the wounded who were lying about, which took me nearly all day as there were about 50 cases there. We remained in these trenches for two days then were relieved by a Durham Battalion who had not been in the country more than 48 hours. It was daylight when they got in so we either had to stop another day or chance getting away, so we decided to get away at all risks; so off we started in small groups and we were resting on the main road behind when we saw a whole crowd of Huns on a hill some distance to our left but they did not spot us for some time. We continued our journey and found that the enemy had trained a machine gun on a gate we had to pass through but we ran the gauntlet and managed to get some distance further back without any casualties.

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The Huns were not finished with us yet though as they started to follow our line of retreat with heavy shells, of which we did not get clear until they lost sight of us in the village of Zonnebeke itself, and we got back to the Battalion safely. The same afternoon we were called out again and my Platoon Sergeant and Officer noticing that I was exhausted and evidently not fit to take part in the new venture ordered me to see the doctor, and the doctor said I was suffering from exhaustion from nervous strain and a touch of rheumatics.

I was feeling very ill and weak but had been trying to stick to my duty as long as possible. Then it must have been the 2nd or 3rd of May when this happened and as the ambulances were all required by wounded men, I said that I would try and get down with our transport which used to come up every night. So when it was about time for me to start off I didn't seem to be capable of finding the transport on my own, but just then the Transport Officer came up to Battalion Headquarters, where I was, on his horse, and asked me to take his horse back to the transport; I didn't like to state that I did not think I should find them, so started off and trusted to luck, and I was so dazed that I think the horse took me to the transport, not I the horse.

I reported to the Sergeant in charge and handed over the horse and was advised to get into one of the limbers; and I must have looked an awful sight because the Sergeant hardly recognised me.

Well I got into the limber and started off on our joy ride through Ypres, with shells following us all the way. Just before getting to Ypres itself we were pulled up and asked to take on some more slightly wounded whom there was no room for on ambulances, and as luck would have it one slightly wounded man got in beside me; of course it was quite dark and I started asking the fellow who he was and discovered that he was an Officer of our 6th Battalion who had been wounded through the right hand by machine gun fire before he had been in action 24 hours.

The transport took us as far as Poperinghe where we parted company, my companion being an Officer went into an Officers' Hospital, and I found myself in a Canadian hospital. There were all sorts of people in this hospital, Canadians, English, Irish, Scotch, French, French Colonials, Indians and even German wounded.

I slept there the remainder of that night and was thankful for the rest and attention I got there. I didn't stop there long though as before the morning was out the Huns started to shell the town and were hitting rather near the hospital, so all that could walk were told to get away to a farm about a mile out of the village. I was feeling a bit better by this time and did my best to help get some slightly wounded away.

At the farm we were told to make for the main road where we were picked up by ambulances and taken to Bailleul and I spent the next night there, but early in the morning we were told to get dressed and were taken to the station and put on a hospital train which was for Boulogne, and the rumour got about that all on that train were for England, which was not true.

We got down to Boulogne about 3 p.m. in the afternoon of the same day and the train pulled up right alongside the hospital ship; then the great disappointment came as only the most serious cases and men who were short of limbs got on the boat and the remainder were put in ambulances and taken to hospital.

The next day the doctor came round and as luck would have it my bed chum was marked England, and he had only been in the country a week, and I was not. Of course I asked how it was I could not go home for a week or two and was told that every man with over three months experience was to be kept in France if possible.

I was about a week in this hospital then was sent to a Convalescent Camp on top of the hill at Boulogne where I remained about ten days and had my teeth seen to, from there I was sent to my base at Rouen where I remained until the 24th of May, and I left for the Battalion in charge of a small draft of 10.

I landed at Vlamertinque on the afternoon of the 25th, just in time to be too late to take part in the awful battle on the Menin road in which my Battalion was sadly reduced in numbers.

We marched from there to Herzeele, where we received reinforcements and also were spoken to by Field Marshal French, in which he praised everyone for the part they had taken in the heavy battle.

Here I had a hard fight for promotion as all the Officers were new and none of them knew me except the Quartermaster, who had been with the Battalion all the time.

While we were in Herzeele we had a visit from Ben. Tillet, who spoke to us all about what the munitioners were doing or going to do for us at home.

I was at Herzeele for about three weeks and while there was promoted Sergeant and transferred to C Coy.

We left there and marched to Locre and took up duty in the Kemmel area of trenches from about the end of June until about the end of August, then we went for a supposed rest which consisted of route marches of about 10 miles a day at Rouge Croix, near Strazeele, where we were first billeted when we landed in France.

From here we marched down towards Loos to see if we were wanted there, but did not land there until the 28th, and after waiting two or three days we marched to Annazin and after spending a night and part of a day there we left for the trenches in the Vermelles sector; when we arrived at our destination we found we were in the trench called the Little Willie which was close to the Hohenzollern Redoubt, and I had a lot of work here helping the bombers and had to take charge as the Sergeant and Officer of the bombers were both wounded. We were very hard pressed and suffered so many casualties that we had to be relieved towards the close of the third day, and on the same afternoon that the Battalion was to be relieved I was in the bombing post and a bomb must have landed on the parapet without me noticing it, and the concussion knocked me down, and I am sorry to say gave me a nasty fright. I was picked up and I lay on the firestep for some time and then the doctor advised me to get down to hospital as I would not be any use if we were attacked again. I was so dazed that I did not move so a couple of men led me away and handed me over to medical authorities.

Somehow or other I got muddled up with the Division on our right and got taken to the 5th Field Ambulance which belonged to the 2nd Division, and from there I went to Convalescent Company and while there I saw my Regiment but was not allowed to join them so got left behind as they were off to Salonika. After I had been there about a week I was put in charge of a fatigue party

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which I looked after for about three weeks, and from that job I was given charge of the Divisional Rest Billet for men returning off leave or for anybody who was on the way to the Division and happened to get stranded in Bethune.

I remained on this billet till the end of April then was asked to take on the job of Mess Sergeant at Divisional Headquarters which I carried out to the best of my ability until about the end of August when owing to a certain number of the staff wanting impossible things done, and, of course, not getting them done, I was sent back to the Divisional Company, from there I went to work on the Divisional Laundry where I worked for about three days, then some one of the Staff Officers did me a very good turn and put me on the job of doing clerk to the Town Major of St. Leger-Les Anthie, which duties I commenced at the beginning of September, 1916.

IF CURSES COULD KILL.

(A Lesson for Sergeants).

The day's toil was over. Sgt. MacFinn lowered himself gratefully into the leather covered chair and reached out for the frothing jorum at his elbow. Through the Mess windows could be descried the square melting into the dusk of a winter's evening. In the scrupulously blacked grate a fire crackled. The bottom of the jar slowly became elevated till it pointed to the ceiling—the Sergeant's honest throat bulged.

Far away in Hut No. 99 a group of recruits, sore of foot and sorer of mind, discussed their formidable instructor, they queried his methods, they passed remarks on his personal appearance and most of all they censored him for his bad language—for this was Sgt. MacFinn's speciality. From the plains of Hindoostan to the homely streets of Canny Noo-Castle, from the Hills of Wales to the trenches of the Wipers Salient, the good man's vocabulary enjoyed a well merited and hard earned fame among the 50 odd Battalions of his Regiment.

Sgt. MacFinn dozed—the Mess was empty—soon only his elephantine snore broke the stillness of that peaceful hour, the jorum was empty, the fire burned low, the dusk crept spirit-like through the keyhole and began to fill the room—then he woke with a start——

Seated on a chair opposite him was a little civilian, a gentleman in a faultlessly cut black suit, with curious shoes high in the instep and short in toe, and wearing on his chin a short, pointed black imperial beard.

His low-crowned black wide-awake lay on the table beside him and between his fingers he twiddled a long, perilous cigar which spluttered and fizzed whenever he raised it to his lips.

The little civilian gave a low, smooth chuckle and winked at Sgt. MacFinn.

"What—what the devil?"

"Right at once!" exclaimed the little gentleman. "I was so afraid you wouldn't know me!"

Sgt. MacFinn couldn't go red—so he went purple—his eyes protruded like organ stops. With the blandest of smiles his Satanic Majesty continued———

"Sgt. Ahitophel Montage MacFinn, I have long meant to reward you for the faithful service you have done me, in word, if not in deed; although you possess that deplorable article a clean conduct sheet I have much to thank you for. My representative with the —th Fusiliers informs me that for the last ten years you have not let six consecutive words pass your lips without using an oath of which even I myself might feel proud; further, that no less than three hundred young Lance-Corporals have acquired the habit of swearing from listening to your admirable flow. Ahitophel—I may call you Ahitophel?—Ahitophel, my faithful servant, this shall be your reward; from henceforward every curse you utter shall instantly take effect.

He leant back in his chair and regarded the speechless Sergeant with the utmost complacency. It was a moment or two before our hero could find voice to reply—that this lousy civilian should stroll brazenly into the Sergeants' Mess without a with your leave or by your leave, should pollute the air of it with his villainous cigar and on top of all should talk such a string of drivel to him—to Sgt. MacFinn—the world-wide martinet, the feared of all the fearsome, it was unbelievable, unthinkable. He gathered his scattered wits, pulled out his mental cut-off and prepared to give him such a ten rounds rapid as would—but, when he looked, the little gentleman was gone.

In the distance came a roll of thunder.

Mechanically Sgt. MacFinn tottered to the bell, cleared his throat, and, when the orderly arrived, demanded a brandy and soda. The orderly was a careless fellow and stumbled against the Sergeant in passing. "Damn Your Eyes!" growled the Sergeant.

With a scream the unlucky soldier clasped his hands to his face: "Oo—oo—oo" he cried, "Oo—Sergeant, I'm blinded."

For a moment Sgt. MacFinn thought he would burst; could it be true, what the little gentleman had said? Or was this impertinent fellow daring to have a joke with him?

"Here, stow it, stow it, d'you hear me?"

"I cawn't see, I tell yer," wailed the Orderly.

It dawned on Sgt. MacFinn that this was true—the thought sent a cold shiver down his back, the man would have to report sick and what would his Company-Commander say about it? Orderlies will talk, explanations would be hard to give.

"What's up?" asked C.Q.M.S. Jorkins, coming in. The Orderly blubbered out his story.

"And I'm not surprised, either!" came the reply. "MacFinn, I told you something would be sure to happen if you didn't chuck that swearing of yours!"

"You might help a chap, Quarter," pleaded MacFinn, now almost crushed, "instead of flinging fault!"

The Q.M.S. wagged his pipe stem sagely. "You can work out your own salvation, my lad; and I may tell you while you're here, Sergeants ain't entitled to more than one electric light fitting in one bunk—you have three, I notice!"

"Blast the electric light fittings!" The poor Sergeant again lost control of himself. "And blast you, too!"

From out of the black, overcast sky there came two appalling claps of thunder followed by lightning which illuminated the whole camp. Sgt. MacFinn rushed to the window in time to see 99 Hut, in which was his bunk, burst into flames; with an oath he turned and there, on the floor, lay Q.M.S. Jorkins—dead—struck by lightning. The next moment the Sergeant-Major burst into the Mess.

The Orderly was still whimpering, Sgt. MacFinn stood like a man turned to stone, between them lay that which

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had once been the most efficient C.Q.M.S. of the Battalion.

The great man took in the situation at a glance.

"You there, MacFinn," he cried, "report yourself at the guard room at once! There'll be three charges against you to-morrow, (1) illtreating a soldier, (2) arson, under section 41, and (3) a civil charge of murder—poor, old Jorkins, and he was marked for Q.M.S. to the 2nd Battalion —his wife and kiddies 'll starve, now, like as not."

Sgt. MacFinn could only gurgle and stare from one to the other, move hand or foot he could not, and this was just what the Sergeant-Major was not accustomed to.

"Now then, make a move there, you heard what I said?"

"Oh to hell with you," gasped Sgt. MacFinn.

The Sergeant-Major didn't shout for an escort, he didn't even answer back, he just vanished and where he had been there was nothing left of him except a faint, acrid smell of brimstone.

Sgt. MacFinn gave a long, low wail of misery and beat his head against the wall.

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"It's all right, men, get back a bit and give him air!" It was the Medical Officer speaking. "There's nothing the matter with him serious but you were quite right to send for me. Now, Sergeant, drink this."

Sgt. MacFinn gulped down the mixture, it was cool and seemed to clear his head which ached horribly. Slowly he raised his eyes and looked round the room—the first thing he saw was the Orderly, holding a tray. "Why, why," he cried.

"That's all right, you keep quiet, do as the Officer tells you," said a voice at his elbow—he turned in his chair.

The speaker was Q.M.S. Jorkins, who was gazing solicitously down on him and holding a damp cloth.

The Sergeant's mind was too full for words.

Now the Sergeant-Major bent over him. "You go to your bunk, MacFinn, and lie down; you'll be all right in an hour or two."

"But—but—my bunk's burnt out, sir?"

"Take him along one of you," said the Sergeant-Major, "and see he reports sick to-morrow morning."

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99 Hut has considerably altered it's opinion of Sgt. MacFinn since the incidents above recorded; he has even been spoken to by his Adjutant for adopting an almost too gentle attitude towards his recruits.

The little Civilian Gentleman has never been seen again.

C.H.M.

"YOU'RE IN, BILL."

Election stories are going the round at the moment. Is the form in which Mr. Hughes was informed of his first electoral triumph familiar to English readers? The Chairman of his Committee, panting, hurried up and shouted: "Bill, you're in; run like hell." Bill took the advice and ran "like hell," being soon followed by a bloodthirsty gang of wrathful political opponents. He succeeded in reaching a chapel and took refuge in the pulpit. The enemy followed, but by that time "Bill's" supporters had heard of the pursuit. They too joined in, and the chapel was the scene of a furious battle. During a seeming lull, "Bill" raised his head above the ledge and ventured to utter a timid "Gentlemen, this is the proudest——" when an iron bar whizzed past his head.

"THE OLD T.O."

From the moment he joined up it was evident that he was a character. Of matters military he was ignorant, and never professed to the contrary; but what he didn't know about horses and mules couldn't be found in "Animal Management." The T.O. arrived, smart, aye, elegant, specially commissioned for the job. He was fifty, and with the *joie de vivre* of twenty. His Sam Browne was of goodly proportions, helping considerably to accentuate the leather shortage. In all, he was a real sport.

His first task was to take a census of the animals. The C.O. was delivering his instructions, only to be interrupted by the bluff, "Oh, that's all right, sir, just you leave it to me." Round swung the Colonel, his curried liver violently expressive, but he gulped down his anger, and smiled faintly, for the T.O.'s expression was guilelessly earnest. The matter *was* left to him.

We went to France, and life changed for all of us but the old sport. One day the Divisional Commander rode round to see us before we went into the chaos of the Somme. He was unattended, but the guard turned out smartly and stood magnificently at the present. The T.O. came towards Headquarters, saw the General preparing to dismount, looked out in vain for someone to hold the horse. What mattered military etiquette in such circumstances?

"Boy," he roared to the impassive sentry, "put down that gun and hold the General's horse!" The sentry was as bronze; but the General, shaking with laughter, dismounted and held the charger himself. Who knew better than he that the Battalion Transport was brilliantly efficient?

The troops moved by bus, the transport by road. With the T.O., who was in command of the detachment, went two mischievous subalterns, and they related with great glee the story of the T.O.'s investigation of a crime. The accused was marched in, and stood before the "O.C. Detachment." He, poor old soul, had mislaid his glasses (perhaps the two Subs. knew where they were). From the charge sheet to the accused, and back again wandered the weary eyes. It was the T.O.'s first case, you see, and he had never been present at an "Orderly Room" stunt. He flushed, mumbled a few words, stopped, and then looked at the accused. His cheery face suddenly beamed, his old camaraderie asserted itself.

"Ah, good morning, Conroy," he said, and the culprit never flinched. A few more words followed and then Conroy was marched out. The case was over. Punishment? Oh, that detail was omitted. Still, the transport arrived at its destination in scheduled time, no mean feat in those crowded days.

It was suggested to him one morning that he should hold a rifle inspection. He got the men formed up, an elfish Sub. prompting him in his commands. The old boy looked down the ranks, and decided to set the youngster to assist.

"You look down the 'holes,'" he suggested, "and I'll look in the boxes.'"

What mattered it, anyway? Good old sport, he was a man of experience before we had bawled our first earthly yell. The transport always delivered the goods, and won the prize for the best transport. Who was the don of Mess Presidents? Who alone knew where the "buckshee" chargers came from? Why, the jolly old T.O.! Long life to him was, and is, the wish of all of us. "PIONEER."

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DEATHS.

HARGREAVE.—On the 18th February, at Richmond, Col. G. W. Hargreave (Daddy), 5th (Northumberland) Fusiliers and South Staffordshire Regiment, aged 75 years.

STAFFORD.—On the 4th February, 1920, at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, William Mordaunt Stafford, late Band-Corpl., 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers, after a long illness contracted through war service, aged 29 years.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

GENERAL STAFF.

G.S.O., 1ST GRADE.—Bt.-Maj. E. L. Salier, M.C., North. Fusrs., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 4th Feby.).

EMPLYD. ON DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS STORES (CL. FF).—Tempy. Lieut. S. E. Cook, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 25th Dec., 1919).

A.G.'s AND Q.M.G.'s STAFF.

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STAFF CAPT.—Tempy. Capt. W. Marrs, M.C., Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 31st Jany.).

GENERAL STAFF.

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The following appointments are made:—

BRIG.-MAJ.—Bt.-Maj. W. Platt, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., *vice* Bt.-Maj. R. B. Young, Notts. and Derby Regt.

G.S.O., 3RD GRADE.—Tempy. Capt. C. H. Jarvis, M.C., Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 1st Jany.).

MEMORANDA.

Lieut. J. Bailey, North. Fusrs., relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Adjt. of a Vol. Batt. (dated 16th Jany.).

The following relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt.—Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. T. McKay, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be emplyd. as an Education Officer (dated 20th Oct., 1919).

Lieut.-Col. S. H. Enderby, h.p. list, retires on ret. pay (dated 12th Feby.).

To be tempy. Maj.—Tempy. Capt. C. F. Mayos, Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs., whilst cmndg. a Corps Concentration Camp (dated 22nd March, 1919).

The following tempy. Lieut. relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt.—E. L. Morris, 1st Garr. Batt. North. Fusrs., on ceasing to be specially emplyd. (dated 22nd Dec., 1919).

To be tempy. Capt.—2nd-Lieut. J. C. Mouat, 3rd North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., while emplyd. as Rly. Trans. Officer (dated 12th July, 1919).

The following relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Adjt. of Vol. Batt.—Lieut. H. J. Clarke, 7th Batt. North. Fusrs.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. G. Hunter, M.C., retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 31st Jany.).

Maj. F. B. Morley (late tempy. Lieut.-Col.) to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 16th Nov., 1919).

Capt. and Bt.-Maj. G. R. F. Leverson, D.S.O., is secd. while a student at the Staff College (dated 22nd Jany.).

Capt. and Bt.-Maj. W. Platt, D.S.O., is secd. for service on the Staff (dated 16th Jany.).

Capt. and Bt.-Maj. E. S. Swaine, M.C., to be Adjt. (dated 4th Sept., 1919).

The following are restd. to the estabt.:—Capt. and Bt.-Maj. E. L. Salier, M.C. (dated 4th Feby.); Lieut. C. T. Smith (dated 26th Nov., 1919); Lieut. J. Bailey (dated 16th Jany.).

2nd-Lieut. to be Lieut.—F. Brown (dated 21st Feby.).

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

RESERVE UNITS.

INFANTRY.

The following resign their commissions:—

Lieut. H. M. Greener, M.C., and is granted the rank of Capt. (dated 6th Feby.).

Capt. (late tempy. Maj.) J. M. Maxwell-Lyte (dated 25th Feby.), and is granted rank of Maj., with permission to wear prescribed uniform.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—Lieut. J. H. Leng resigns his commsn. (dated 19th Feby.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

4th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt. and Adjt.) J. M. Goodbody, M.C., Serv. Batt. Dublin Fusrs., vacates the appt. of Adjt., and relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Batt. (dated 16th Oct., 1918).

7th Batt.—Lieut. H. P. L. Lingwood relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health (dated 30th Jany.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

7th Batt.—Lieut. P. R. Essex is restored to the estabt. (dated 5th March, 1919).

36th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) C. N. G. Koch, M.C., North. Fusrs., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 15th Nov., 1919).

36th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Maj.) R. R. Robertson, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. (dated 14th Nov., 1919).

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SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. Noble to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 9th Feby., 1918).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—J. E. Smith (dated 28th May, 1919), prec. next below C. G. W. Wailing; D. Warrior (dated 30th July, 1919); tempy. Lieut. D. Warrior relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th Nov., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.

40th Batt.—Lieut. J. John (Brecknock Batt. S. Wales Bord., T.F.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 1st Aug., 1919).

Maj. R. Howlett, D.S.O., M.C. (R. Fusrs.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. a Batt. (dated 6th Aug., 1919).

Tempy. Capt. D. Hewitt relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th Dec., 1919), and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. W. I. Gosden relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th Dec., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—E. Mawston (dated 1st Nov., 1919), with prec. next below F. W. Calvert; G. J. Carrie (dated 26th Dec., 1919), with prec. next above G. F. Docherty.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. G. Charlton relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd April, 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.

52nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. O. Bryne, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 29th Nov., 1919).

Maj. E. L. Thomson, D.S.O. (3rd Batt. York and Lanc. Regt., Spec. Res.) (Lieut., ret. pay), relinquishes the actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. a Batt. (dated 1st Nov., 1919); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. L. Barton to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June, 1919), with prec. next below C. W. Hughes.

40th Batt.—Lieut. C. A. Clark, D.S.O., M.C. (E. Surrey R.), to be actg. Maj. while 2nd-in-Cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 1st Aug., 1919); Lieut. G. C. Smithson, M.C. (23rd Batt. London Regt., T.F.), from actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. to be Adjt. (dated 1st Aug., 1919).

52nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. O. Byrne, M.C. (North. Fusrs. Serv. Batt.), to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 1st March, 1919, to 28th May, 1919, and from 19th Dec., 1919).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. E. Arkley relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Jany.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

51st Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. T. P. Connolly, North. Fusrs. Serv. Batt., to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 27th Oct., 1919).

Tempy. Lieut. J. A. Boddy relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 26th Feby.), and retains rank of Lieut.

40th Batt.—Lieut.-Col. A. J. D. Hay (3rd Batt. E. Surrey Regt., Spec. Res.) to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 1st Aug., 1919, with seniority from 13th Feby., 1918).

39th Batt.—Lieut. W. McDonagh (R. Dub. Fusrs.) to be Adjt. (dated 22nd July, 1919).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

1st Batt.—Maj. E. A. Strachan (ret. pay) relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Batt. (dated 22nd April, 1919) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 14th Aug., 1919, specifying date as 31st July, 1919).

2nd Batt.—Tempy. Capt. J. L. Arnott to be actg. Maj. while 2nd-in-Cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 1st Nov., 1918).

2nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. W. W. Taylor to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 1st Nov., 1918).

2nd Batt.—Tempy. Capt. (actg. Maj.) S. L. Arnott relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th Jany.), and is granted rank of Maj.

2nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) W. W. Taylor relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 10th Jany.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

LABOUR CORPS.

Tempy. Lieut. (now tempy. Capt.) J. A. Hately, from North. Fusrs. (attd.), to be tempy. Lieut. (with seniority 1st June, 1915), and to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 24th July, 1918) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 8th Oct., 1918, describing name as J. A. Hateley).

WAR HONOURS.

The King has given directions for the following appointments and awards in recognition of services rendered in the field and brought to notice, in accordance with the terms of Army Order 193 of 1919. To be dated 5th May, 1919:—

THE MILITARY CROSS.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Lambert, 23rd Battalion.

BAR TO D.C.M.

No. 38102 C.S.M. A. S. Harle, D.C.M., 23rd Battalion (Monkseaton). (D.C.M. gazetted 3rd June, 1918).

D.C.M.

No. 11874 Cpl. (Lce.-Sgt.) A. E. Collins, 23rd Battalion (Hebburn-on-Tyne).

The King has been pleased to give orders for the following appointments and awards in recognition of valuable services rendered whilst prisoners of war or interned, which have been brought to notice in accordance with the terms of Army Order 193 of 1919. To be dated 5th May, 1919:—

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

No. 8858 Pte. F. A. Harrison, 1st Battalion (Leiston).

MENTIONS.

No. 2876 Pte. J. T. Gritton, 2nd Battalion.

ESCAPE FROM CAPTIVITY.

The King has been pleased to approve of the following rewards in recognition of gallant conduct and determination displayed in escaping or attempting to escape from captivity, which services have been brought to notice in accordance with the terms of Army Order 193 of 1919. To be dated 5th May, 1919:—

No. 2430 Pte. M. O. Blades, 2nd Battalion (Richmond).
„ 3702 Pte. F. Callaghan, 2nd Battalion (Leeds).
„ 2234 Pte. J. Griffin, 2nd Battalion (Skerton).
„ 9524 Pte. H. Tomlinson, 1st Battalion (Bulwell).

MENTIONS.

Tempy. Lieut. A. A. Morris, M.C., 23rd Battalion.
No. 15257 Pte. J. Stott, 23rd Battalion.

The names of the following are to be added to those brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the War, which were published in the Press *Communique*, dated 28th August, 1919:—

Maj. R. T. K. Auld.
Tempy. Capt. W. P. Curry.
Maj. C. P. Hawkes, 3rd Battalion.
No. 8862 C.Q.M.S. J. W. Balding.
„ 9506 C.S.M. J. Chislett.
„ 3692 Bandmaster T. C. Windram.

The names of the following W.O.'s, N.C.O.'s and men are to be added to those brought to notice for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty by Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, K.T., G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O.:—

No. 267321 C.Q.M.S. T. Brown, 6th Batt. (T.F.), attd. H.Q., 149th Infantry Brigade.
„ 22427 Pte. J. E. Hornsby, 19th Battalion.
„ 365816 Pte. J. W. Thompson, 1/7th Battalion (T.F.).
„ 290969 Sgt. J. R. McCoy, 2/7th Battalion (T.F.).
„ 205804 Lce.-Cpl. (actg. Sgt.) S. C. Wadham, 2nd (Garr.) Batt.
„ 62963 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) L. H. Howard, 2nd (Garr.) Batt.
„ 26742 Pte. S. Kingsbury, 2nd (Garr.) Batt.

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WAR OFFICE,
26th February, 1919.

The following is among the Decorations and Medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission to wear the Decoration in question:—

CONFERRED BY THE KING OF SERBIA.

SILVER MEDAL FOR VALOUR.

No. 79171 Lce.-Cpl. F. Bexon, 1st Batt. North. Fusrs. (late York and Lanc. R.) (Barnsley).

Obituary.

LIEUT.-COL. G. W. HARGREAVE.

The recent death of Lieut.-Col. G. W. Hargreave may recall to the recollection of some of the "old

LIEUT.-COL. G. W. HARGREAVE.

hands" the days of 1865 when he joined the Regiment.

The 1st Battalion was then quartered at Athlone under command of a great sportsman, Col. Master, C.B.

Horses and forage in Ireland were then comparatively cheap and Officers could keep their horse or horses in the large stables in Barracks.

The hunting was fairly good and the Meets well attended and much enjoyed.

Hargreave was very keen, and most of his spare time was devoted to schooling his own or any horses he could get hold of.

When the Battalion went to India the following year his services were in request at any race meeting within reach.

He was chiefly successful in cross-country events. His determined method seemed to inspire his mounts and thus backers had seldom to complain of any refusal or avoidable error.

After he left the Regiment with the rank of Major he joined a Militia Battalion of South Staffordshire and served as Major and Hon. Lieut.-Col. At that time he had a house in London and his great pleasure was entertaining his friends there, at his Clubs, or at Henley, where he had charming rooms overlooking the river course and nearly opposite the winning post. When in later years his sight failed—partially at first, and then completely—his wife took entire charge of him. An onerous duty for her, as he never developed the confidence which some other patients exhibit, and required constant attendance.

His many friends did not forget him, and on his visits to his Club members and servants vied in insuring his safety and comfort.

He was always an enthusiastic 5th Fusilier and maintained his interest in the Regiment.

Band-Cpl. W. M. Stafford, whose death at the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, took place on the 4th February from the effects of illness contracted on active service, was born in 1890. He

CPL. STAFFORD.

joined the 5th Fusiliers on the 13th September, 1905, as a band boy and was eventually posted to the 3rd

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Battalion (the old Line Battalion) in South Africa. When the 3rd Battalion was disbanded he went to the 1st Battalion then stationed at Calcutta. He came home with them in 1913 and with them went to France in 1914, where he was in charge of the Battalion Stretcher Bearers and was mentioned for gallant work under fire in Gen. French's first dispatch. He also saw active service on the N.W. Frontier of India. He was in possession of the Military Medal, 1914 Star and Bar, and was entitled to wear the General Service and the Victory Medal. He was invalided out of the service in March, 1919, and then became a member of the Northumberland Symphony Orchestra. To Sgt. A. Stafford, of the 1st Batt. Band, and to all his comrades with whom he was universally popular we extend our sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

February, 1920.

Little of any great importance or interest has happened during the past month. The even tenor of our ways has been unbroken except that on the 26th January we were inspected by Gen. Lord Rawlinson, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., and again on the 4th February when he was accompanied by the Secretary of State for War.

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Owing to an outbreak of influenza having occurred in Aldershot, that town has been placed out of bounds except for those proceeding there on duty.

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We have sent the old Peninsular Colours to the Royal Art School of Needlework to be repaired.

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A Brigade Pontathlon is going to take place on the 25th February which will include boxing, broad jump, high jump, putting the weight, relay race and obstacle race. At present we are having some difficulty in finding an Officers' team for one of the boxing events. However, we live in hopes, and no doubt before the time comes some bold spirits will step forward to fill the breach.

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The meets of the H.H. have been appearing regularly in orders for the past few weeks, but up to date there has been a heartbreaking lack of horse-flesh, but now, however, things are looking brighter, as we received yesterday a reinforcement of three promising looking ponies.

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On the 7th there was a commemoration parade recalling the meeting of the 1st and 2nd Battalions under fire at Salamanca, 1812, and at Ypres, 1915. The Colours were marched down from the Mess, accompanied by the Band, and piled in the centre of the square, each Company in turn being marched on to the parade ground where the battle honours and badges were explained to them.

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Maj. O. B. Foster, Lieut. C. H. Cooper, M.C., and a Draft of 100 other ranks left for the 2nd Battalion on the 27th January.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The chief item of interest this month has been the Tournament for the Billiard Cup for 1919. It has reached the final stage and C.Q.M.S. Clarke and Sgt. Grundy are the two who remain to play off in the final and an excellent game is anticipated as they are both exceptionally good cueists.

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We have lost C.S.M. Matthews who has gone to the Territorials (7th Batt.) as a C.S.M.I.

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Our numbers have been augmented by Lce.-Sgts. Roberts, Britton and Wilkinson, who enter the Sergeants' Mess on promotion.

FOOTBALL.

The following matches have been played during the past month:—

5th Fusiliers *v.* 17th Lancers, resulting in a win of 2—0 for the Battalion.

W Coy. lost 2—1 to B Squadron.

Z Coy. won 2—0 against C Squadron.

The Battalion played the 4th Round of the Army Cup on the 14th February against the 1st Batt. Hampshire Regiment, at Gosport, and lost 5—0. The team was as follows: Sgt. Newton, Cpl. Walsh, Cpl. Pascell, Lce.-Cpl. Windram, Lce.-Cpl. Pippiatt, Ptes. Pope, Smart, Benson, Taylor, Sidney and Stathwaite.

The game was watched by about 4,000 spectators and was very keenly contested throughout. Our team put up a very good fight but were outclassed by a much heavier team who showed better combination.

The game was very clean and both teams showed the best possible spirit.

Our best thanks are due to the 1st Batt. Hampshire Regiment for the hospitality shown to our team.

HOCKEY.

With a view to encouraging hockey in the Battalion and incidentally finding a few more recruits for the Battalion Team, two Company Hockey matches were arranged.

The first played on the Officers' Cricket Ground on the 18th February was between W and Z Coys., and after a most exciting match resulted in a win for Z Coy. by 3 goals to 2.

The second, played on the same ground on the 21st February between X and Y Coys., was equally exciting but the standard of play was not quite so high. This match resulted in a draw, two goals all being the final score.

Arrivals and departures during the month:—

Lieut. G. Hunter, M.C., retires receiving gratuity, 31st January, 1920.

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2nd-Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall and 2nd-Lieut. J. W. C. Vernon joined on first appointment, 15th February, 1920.

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No.	86636	C.S.M. W. H. Matthews, posted to Territorial Staff, 7th Battalion	16/2/20
,,	7990	C.Q.M.S. J. West, to 2nd Battalion	27/1/20
,,	2009	C.Q.M.S. J. Wilson, to 2nd Battalion ..	27/1/20
,,	5244	Sgt. E. Dickinson, to 2nd Battalion ..	27/1/20
,,	88570	Sgt. W. Mitchell, to 2nd Battalion	27/1/20
,,	22/1556	Cpl. T. M. Patterson, *Discharged*	24/1/20

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No.	3505	Sgt. E. Hayler, Dispersed	14/2/20
„	4973	Sgt. C. Langtry, Dispersed	16/2/20
„	9850	Sgt. J. Murphy, joined from Depôt ..	6/1/20
„	25485	Cpl. W. G. Roberts, joined Battalion from 1st Garrison Battalion	27/1/20
„	1415	Lce.-Sgt. J. Read, Discharged	24/1/20
„	93364	Cpl. H. Jackson, to 2nd Battalion	27/1/20
„	99747	Lce.-Cpl. H. Wynne, joined Battalion from 40th Battalion	22/1/20
„	86316	Lce.-Cpl. R. Warren, Discharged	24/1/20
„	97363	Lce.-Cpl. C. Wilson, to 2nd Battalion ..	27/1/20
„	89332	Lce.-Cpl. F. Harrington, to 2nd Battalion ..	27/1/20
„	88884	Lce.-Cpl. E. Armstrong, to 2nd Battalion ..	27/1/20
„	88804	Lce.-Cpl. C. Collins, to 2nd Battalion ..	27/1/20
„	88808	Lce.-Cpl. A. Palmer, to 2nd Battalion ..	27/1/20
„	95998	Lce.-Cpl. A. Petrie, to 2nd Battalion	27/1/20

2ND BATTALION NOTES.

MESOPOTAMIA,
14th January, 1920.

Much has happened during the past month. The Christmas Dinners have been eaten with the same enthusiasm as ever. The days following spent in whole hearted efforts to overcome the lassitude which followed, and in the framing of the time honoured vows of "never-again-or-perhaps-not-so-heartily." The capture of the Christmas turkeys, a masterpiece of co-operation between the politician and the soldier, is related elsewhere.

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On Christmas Day the Regimental Team played a soccer match against the 44th Batty., R.F.A. If the result was not all that could be wished for, the blame must rest with the organisers of the dinner. The team played with enthusiasm and even a certain amount of vigour. The goal posts, however, were thought, by some of the players, to have behaved somewhat curiously and not altogether with dignity. Readers may now make three guesses as to the result. On this occasion no prize will be offered for a successful solution.

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On Boxing Day however, fired with a new enthusiasm and gifted with a clearer vision, the same team met and defeated the Machine Gun Corps by (on this occasion there is no need to obscure the glorious result) seven goals to *nil*. The game was witnessed by the whole Battalion, five sweepers —who watched from behind a ruined tomb—and three small Arab boys, and the finish was greeted with a rousing cheer which almost woke the Quartermaster-Sergeants from their afternoon *siesta*.

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On New Year's Day a party of four guns had good sport. One of the guns (Lieut. Grimley) had an exciting adventure, while drawing a bead on a quail he heard a rustling among the reeds close to him; turning quickly, he beheld what appeared to be a full grown lioness preparing to spring. No time was to be lost. With a shout of alarm to warn the rest of his party he fired a whole round of No. 8 shot full in the snarling face of his adversary. The animal dropped as if shot (which was probably the case) whereupon, throwing caution to the winds, Lieut. Grimley rushed up and emptied the remaining barrel into the wounded beast, finally throwing his whole weight (14 stones) upon it until help arrived when the animal was promptly dispatched and the body brought home in triumph. It proved to be a fine specimen of wild cat and the skin now adorns the quarters of its slayer.

We are gradually establishing an entente with the more distinguished members of the Arab community. A party of Officers gracefully accepted an invitation to dine with no less a person than Abdullah Fatimah ibn Daoud who called and personally conducted them to his residence. There was a large number of guests including the C.R.A., The Patriarch of the Assyrian Church and Abd-er-Raschid-ibn-Mulor, a carpet merchant of local renown. The party was shown into an ante-room and regaled for two hours with a feast of walnuts, pistachios, pomegranates, figs and dates, washed down by copious draughts of Arak, Mosul wine and whisky. Imagining that the entertainment was over, at this point the inexperienced party rose to take their leave with profuse thanks for their host's wonderful bounty. Abdullah, somewhat embarrassed, exclaimed "But surely you will wait for dinner?"

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The blushing party was now led to the dining chamber proper; where a meal of eleven courses was eaten with zest and further potations of local nectar judiciously indulged in. Songs were now sung. The host had arranged to borrow the only piano in Mosul, but the owner had died that morning so it was not available. This did not deter the party nor damp its ardour. Arab, Turkish and French ditties were followed by loud clamours for a song from the guests, and Col. Sandilands, who has recently taken a course of Pelmanism, rose and sang "Rule Brittania" without a single mistake. Maj. Williams, not to be outdone, rendered "Roses are blooming in Picardy" with much feeling. His effort met with so much appreciation as almost to amount to an "encore" which he was preparing to give when the host, with considerable tact rose and sang "Good-bye Dolly I must leave you," which gentle hint had the desired effect and the guests took their leave.

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Capt. Mahon and Capt. and Bt.-Maj. Chevenix-Trench arrived on the 7th January, the former from India where he has been assembling as much of the mess property as it has been considered advisable to bring to Mesopotamia. The Mess is now somewhat more comfortable in consequence but still, in effect, a field service mess. Lieut. Clive-Smith joined on the 10th January. 2nd-Lieut. Pringle left Mosul for Zakkho in the hills in charge of a trench mortar section on the 4th January.

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Platoon Football and Hockey League Matches are in full swing and have aroused much enthusiasm; unfortunately our numbers are being depleted daily by men being taken for command employ so that it is becoming increasingly difficult to raise teams. No. 1 Platoon is leading in the Football League at the time of writing (14th January) with No. 3 Platoon, and No. 9 Platoon second and third respectively. No. 11 Platoon tops the Hockey League followed by Nos. 3 and 5 Platoons with equal points.

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Shooting and carpet buying are the chief recreations of Officers at present, and wonderful are the "antiques" that hang on the walls and grace the floors of the dingy cells in which we live. Rugs from Teheran, Bokhara, Baluchistan, Kurdistan and every conceivable Stan in Asia arrive almost daily as the result of excursions to the ever fascinating Bazaar until funds are exhausted and the outbreak ceases until next pay day.

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We are daily expecting the arrival of the wives and families of some of the Officers and men of the Battalion. Married quarters will not be very luxurious. Tents are the only accommodation available at present but it is hoped to have really substantial quarters ready by, say, the early part of the year 2,000. This estimate is, however, somewhat optimistic judging by the hectic progress made in other matters in this delightful country.

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We are delighted to record the keen interest of the men of the Battalion in the *Gazette*. Many have subscribed for copies for themselves and additional copies to be sent to their friends and relations. News of the Battalion cannot always be relied upon with regularity as we are 70 miles north of Railhead. The road to which is a mere track over very difficult country entirely impassable in wet weather, so that the mails, especially at this season, are liable to be interrupted. Relatives and friends of subscribers in the 2nd Battalion may rest assured that the notes and news will be sent regularly and that, if missed in one number, it will be due to the mails and a fuller record may be looked for in the next.

FOOTBALL.

Cristmas Day.—Regimental Team v. 44th Batty. R.F.A. (at home). Kick-off, 14.00 hours. Result: 1—0. The Regiment was represented by:—Pte. Dodds (*goal*); Lce.-Cpl. Westgarth, Pte. Phipps (*backs*); Pte. Bennett, 2nd-Lieut. Brown, Lce.-Cpl. Swaine (*half backs*); Pte. Phillips, Lce.-Cpl. Beatty, Lce.-Cpl. Evans, Lce.-Cpl. Green, Cpl. Young (*forwards*).

Boxing Day.—Above team *v.* Machine Gun Corps (18th Batt.). 5th Fusiliers, 7 goals; M.G.C., *nil.*

New Year's Day.—Regimental Team *v.* 44th Batty. R.F.A. (away). Kick-off, 14.00 hours. Result: Fusiliers, 3; R.F.A., 1. The Regiment was represented by:—Lce.-Cpl. Gordon (*goal*); Pte. Eason, Lce.-Cpl. Westgarth (*backs*); Pte. Kennedy, Pte. Bennett, Pte. Phipps (*half-backs*); Lce.-Cpl. Evans, 2nd-Lieut. Brown, Pte. Trainer, Lce.-Cpl. Green, Pte. Phillips (*forwards*).

HOCKEY.

On the 28th December, 1919, a match was played between the married and unmarried Sergeants. The Bachelors won by 1 goal to *nil*. The married Sergeants are now all agreed that bachelors should be taxed.

PLATOON FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

WEEK ENDING 10TH JANUARY, 1920.

		P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
No. 1	Platoon ..	5	4	1	0	14	1	8
„ 3	„ ..	5	4	1	0	12	3	8
„ 9	„ ..	5	4	1	0	8	3	8
„ 16	„ ..	5	3	2	0	5	4	6
„ 15	„ ..	6	3	3	0	5	5	6
„ 8	„ ..	4	2	1	1	4	3	5
„ 11	„ ..	4	1	0	3	5	1	5
„ 13	„ ..	5	2	2	1	7	4	5
„ 6	„ ..	5	2	2	1	4	5	5
„ 7	„ ..	4	2	2	0	5	4	4
„ 4	„ ..	4	2	2	0	3	3	4
„ 12	„ ..	6	1	3	2	1	7	4
„ 5	„ ..	4	1	2	1	5	5	3
„ 14	„ ..	4	1	2	1	4	8	3
„ 2	„ ..	4	1	3	0	4	8	2
„ 10	„ ..	6	0	6	0	1	22	0

PLATOON HOCKEY LEAGUE.

WEEK ENDING 10TH JANUARY, 1920.

		P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
No. 11	Platoon ..	6	5	1	0	34	4	10
„ 3	„ ..	5	4	0	1	14	7	9
„ 5	„ ..	6	4	1	1	17	7	9
„ 6	„ ..	6	3	2	1	11	10	7
„ 7	„ ..	4	3	1	0	9	3	6
„ 13	„ ..	3	2	0	1	10	2	5
„ 9	„ ..	3	2	0	1	9	3	5
„ 2	„ ..	5	2	2	1	8	6	5
„ 1	„ ..	5	2	3	0	8	11	4
„ 8	„ ..	3	1	1	1	6	10	3
„ 15	„ ..	4	1	2	1	6	8	3
„ 4	„ ..	5	1	3	1	4	12	3
„ 16	„ ..	4	0	3	1	5	16	1
„ 10	„ ..	3	0	3	0	1	23	0
„ 14	„ ..	4	0	4	0	6	16	0
„ 12	„ ..	4	0	4	0	1	11	0

2ND BATTALION DRAFT NOTES.

PORT SAID,
7th February, 1920.

We left Bordon early on the morning of the 27th January, arriving at Waterloo half-an-hour later.

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The authorities cannot be congratulated on the arrangements for conveying us across London; the promised transport for kits was only forthcoming after a good deal of telephoning.

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The Detachment proceeded by tube from Waterloo to the Bank, with three changes; a proceeding which in these days can be perhaps more easily imagined than described.

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Thence by march route through the city, where it is believed we were mistaken for the advanced guard of the New Army proceeding to the Caucasus (vide the D——Y M——L).

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Our first good impressions of our ship, H.M.T. *Prinz Ludwig*, were not altogether confirmed by subsequent inspection. The troop decks are good, but baths and exercise space are almost non-existent, and the ship is an essentially German one, built for a people who require only to eat and sleep.

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We had a very rough crossing in the Bay of Biscay, and one rough day in the Mediterranean, and the weather has been cold throughout.

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All are well and in good spirits; besides ourselves on board are D, F and J Batteries R.H.A., a Draft of Royal Air Force, and two or three small parties.

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We hope to send off further notes from Bombay, where we are to change our ship.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

24th February, 1920.

The sympathy of all ranks of the Battalion will go out to Col. Lord Algernon Percy, A.D.C., our former Commanding Officer, on the death of his wife, which occurred at Bickham, Roborough, South Devon, on the 20th February. Lady Algernon Percy was the eldest daughter of the late Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, by his first wife Lady Katherine Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of the first Duke of Aber-

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corn. She married Lord Algernon Percy in 1880 and their son and only child was commissioned as a 2nd-Lieutenant in the Battalion in 1902 and retired in 1908. He served during the war in the R.N.R. and went down in the *Queen Mary* at the Battle of Jutland. Lord Algernon commanded the Battalion from 1895, when he succeeded his brother, the late Duke of Northumberland, in the command, until 1908.

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According to the recently promulgated decision of the Army Council the Special Reserve Infantry Battalions of the Army are to continue their existence as an integral part of the Regular First Line, for whom they are to constitute the draft-finding units. The title of Special Reserve is to be abolished and the old County Regiments will henceforth be known under their old historic name of Militia, which they held for so many centuries prior to 1908. The suggestions of the deputation of Commanding Officers to the Secretary of State have thus been practically accepted in their entirety, except that there is no probability that in a war of any magnitude the Battalions will go on service as Units, as their functions will be to find and train drafts for their Line Battalions; a duty fulfilled by them for five years during the Great War to the satisfaction of all concerned.

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This time last year we were busy preparing for the move (which took place on the 3rd March) to Salisbury Plain from East Boldon, where we had been since November, 1914. Those who were present with the Battalion at that time will call to mind the lack of leisure produced by the uprooting of all the regimental institutions and offices, etc., which had been concerned with the training and accommodation of an average strength of over three thousand of all ranks for over four years. The post-war soldier doesn't know what a real fatigue is like!

C.P.H.

DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
25th February, 1920.

During the month there was unusual activity in Barracks in more ways than one.

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We were suddenly inundated with recruits for the 39th Battalion, who came streaming in daily from all quarters, greatly overtaxing our interior economy arrangements.

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So crowded did the Depôt become (one Company was over 600 strong) that we had to have recourse to all the available huts on the Leazes. As this is some distance from our own Barracks, and the Depôt's staff is limited, we had our hands full for a time.

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When our accommodation was filled to its utmost, and after frantically arranging conducting Officers to convoy the drafts over to France, we suddenly had to change our dispositions and send the men on, in batches, to Ripon for discharge.

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Two Drafts, however, managed to get to France.

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The month was certainly strenuous but we are glad to say that the Depôt Staff has safely immerged from the onslaught, though perhaps a little limp.

We are much indebted to our friends of the 68th Depôt for kindly allowing our permanent Depôt Staff to share their dining room.

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Capt. and Bt.-Maj. H. M. Heyder, M.C., joined the Depôt for duty on the 22nd inst., and has taken over Command of No. 1 Company.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Owing to stress of work through the influx of recruits for 39th Battalion we were unable to send any notes through last month.

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How busy we have been! Well, one only has to look at the Leazes Park Hutmets and they will realise what is happening! And so as regards what happened in January our minds remain a void except for visions of civilians reporting, blankets and kit missing, drafts proceeding and long wearying hours spent in the evenings digging trenches with a pen. (Sign here.)

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On the 29th January we bid farewell to some of our oldest members, to wit, O.R.Q.M.S. Jack Fenton, C.Q.M.S. Jim Balding, Sgt. Mick Purcell and Sgt. Bob Ridley (of culinary fame). The occasion was marked with a farewell supper and smoker. A good programme of music was rendered by members of the company and our thanks are due to C.S.M. F. W. Watson and his committee who were responsible for a very enjoyable evening.

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Congratulations to C.Q.M.S. Jim Balding on his "Mention."

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We have been receiving lots of old 5th Fusiliers recently all of whom have been shelved for the past two or three months, but now the majority have been reposted to the Terriers and so I am giving you their postings for I know it will interest lots of old Fusiliers now serving:—

R.S.M. F. Taylor, C.S.M. H. Stanley (Digger), 6th Battalion, Newcastle; R.S.M. W. Travill, C.S.M. W. Wadehouse, C.S.M. A. J. Clark (Nobbie), 4th Battalion, Hexham; R.S.M. M. Mellors (Mattie), C.S.M. H. Poole, C.S.M. Beck, 5th Battalion, Newcastle; R.S.M. J. H. Rowsell, 7th Battalion, Alnwick.

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Our best wishes go with them in their new sphere of activities and I am sure our loss will be the Territorials gain.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
28th February, 1920.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1918 and 1919.

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We are glad to be able to announce the actual "arrival" of the first instalment of the history of the Regiment in the Great War. It is perhaps fitting, and surely quite in accordance with our preconceived notion of things military,

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that this should be a record of the doings of one of our "Pioneer" Battalions. Certainly the "Historical" records of the 18th (Service Batt.) Northumberland Fusiliers (Pioneers) as compiled by Lieut.-Col. J. Shakespear, C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., its Commanding Officer for the greater part of its existence, contain far more of interest to the public both military and non-military than the somewhat dry sounding title of the volume would lead one to expect. The plain unvarnished records are there—nominal rolls, the casualty lists, etc., as of course they should be, but in addition to statistical data there is a delightfully written story of the doings of the Battalion through its infancy, during which time it was the child of the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce—and, by all accounts, a much pampered and petted child, too!—through its days of schooling on the Plain with the other Units of the 34th Division, through days of adolescence in France behind the lines until it grew to man's full and sober estate, and then through its adult career as a vital Unit in that great machine which stemmed the tide of our late enemy's successes and finally beat him to his knees.

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Throughout this story, though no deed of gallantry is overlooked and no occurence of interest is left out, the theme is based upon the actual and, if we may use the term, the "family" life of the Unit. As such and in combination with the admirable rolls and the illustrations, which make up the well printed, well bound volume, it will we are sure be greatly prized by the recipients, who are those remaining members of the Unit and the relatives of those who fell or died on service. To each of these a copy is being presented as a parting souvenir by the original parents of the Battalion—The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce.

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We think it is a pity that the book is not made available to the public, but this is perhaps a selfish view to take. To place it on sale would, possibly, take away from its enhancement in the eyes of those for whom it was compiled by the historical record committee. Perhaps the Honorary Editor (Mr. Alfred Brewis) will not take it amiss if we suggest to him that when the records of the other Battalions are ready, and we notice that those of the 9th, 16th and 19th (Service) Battalions are being compiled and that the 19th are already in the press, the narratives of each of them might be bound up in one volume and published for the benefit and enlightenment of the inhabitants of Northumberland and the members of other Battalions of the County Regiment.

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We call the attention of our readers to the leaflet included in this month's *Gazette* relating to the question of a Regimental War Memorial. We do not propose to express any opinion as to the merits or demerits of any particular scheme, but we do think that we are but expressing the opinion of every 5th Fusilier in emphasising the importance and urgency of having some sort of scheme for a War Memorial to the Line Battalions of the old Regiment. The pride of the Citizen Army in their own achievements, fully justified though it is, is apt to cause the fact that the Old Contemptibles fought alongside them throughout the war as well as at the beginning of the struggle to be overlooked. Local interest naturally centres itself in the local Unit, but the County Regiment of Northumberland is the old Fifth Fusiliers, and we have yet to learn any reason why Northumbrians should not be as proud of the part taken by the Line Battalions as are those who served in them. We appeal to them and to our readers to provide the funds necessary for a *fitting* memorial. As will be seen in the leaflet, Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., Guadaloupe Barracks, Bordon, Hants., is the pro. tem. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mr. R. W. Allan	Capt. R. H. Hoffman
Lieut. J. I. Atkinson	**Miss E. G. Johnstone**
W. Boyd, Esq.	**2nd-Lieut. C. H. Mitchell**
Mr. J. Dodds (2nd Batt.)	Mr. Lynch (2nd Batt.)
2nd-Lieut. R. C. Elliott	**Gen. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.**
Lieut.-Col. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.	**Lieut. W. Smart**
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey	**Capt. Clive Smith**

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Subscriptions due in March:—

Mrs. Carr Ellison	Lieut. W. Carr
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REBURIAL OF FRENCH HEROINE.

From *The Times* of 24th February:—

Yesterday the remains of Mlle. de Bettignies were exhumed at the Westfriedhof Cemetery, and to-day, amid every mark of respect from representatives of the British, Allied and Associated troops, the coffin was placed in a funeral coach bound for Lille, the deceased lady's native city, where it is to be buried.

On account of the assistance which she rendered to British and French troops, Mlle. de Bettignies came under the notice of the Germans, and was arrested and condemned to death. The sentence was commuted to imprisonment for life. In captivity her loyalty to France incurred the displeasure of her gaolers and she was removed to Germany. The treatment she received while a prisoner resulted in the breakdown of her health, and she died in a German prison in 1918.

The coffin was to-day borne on a British gun-carriage, and in addition to Companies of French troops there were detachments from the Northumberland Fusiliers and Middlesex Regiment. The firing party was from the Northumberland Fusiliers, and wreaths were carried by British and Allied troops. The decorations awarded the heroine were also carried.

"BRINGING HOME THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY."

Scarcity of those luxuries that appeal to the European palate, combined with an excess of spare cash at the disposal of the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force has enabled the Profiteer of the Land of the Two Rivers to indulge in extortions, in comparison to which, the efforts of his British counterpart pale to insignificance.

Fortunately it is possible to deal appropriately with bloodsuckers in these distant parts rather more easily than with their brethren in England. But to fix responsibility

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on the true culprit is nevertheless a matter requiring considerable investigation as will be shown by the story of the Christmas Turkeys.

Lacking religious motive there would, presumably, have arisen in the course of centuries some other plausible excuse for the people of this land for cutting each others' throats. But with two sects of Mohammedans, three sects of Christians, and the inevitable Jew, it were idle to seek further motive for adding to one's material comfort when there is opportunity at the same time for promoting one's spiritual welfare. It is accordingly customary here to seek out first the religious prejudices of one's victim and then to exploit them to one's best advantage.

Now year by year it had become increasingly apparent that the Christian Frank as Christmas drew near would give anything, short of his soul, for a turkey. Turkeys which sold before the war at two rupees, eight annas a pair! It wanted little to confirm a growing suspicion in the mind of the local merchant. This little was supplied by a G.R.O. calling for units' requirements in turkeys for Christmas, the price of which it was stated would range from R. 25 to R. 100 each (*i.e.*, £2 10s. 0d. to £10).

That was sufficient. If the British soldier was prepared to pay £10 for what had previously cost 1/8 obviously it meant that any British soldier who failed to swallow a mouthful of the auspicious bird at his Annual Festival was doomed to everlasting damnation.

It was then merely a question of the value of the British soldier's soul. A meeting of merchants in the bazaar assessed this at R.35 and thereby fixed the price of a turkey, regardless of the weight or condition of this domestic bustard.

This, then, was the situation when we set out to procure the Companies' Christmas dinners—an operation none the less delicate from the fact that the post-bellum soldier has not yet come to learn that in the Army people can undertake jobs for others without the expectation of "making a bit" for themselves—but the turkey merchant, too, had something to learn. The protracted negotiations carried out with one Joseph ibn Mordecai in the squalid courtyard of a Mosul Inn in a mixture of Hindustani, French, Arabic, and turkey squeakings, ended in a deadlock.

Twenty or thirty idle ragamuffins, who were in no way concerned with the business, had attended the proceedings, and had assisted by chasing a hundred terrified birds round the courtyard, heading them off when they attempted to break out into the town, seizing them and weighing them in some primitive scales against lumps of iron of unknown weight and by tendering advice generally. But their efforts proved of no avail, Joseph stuck out for his R.35 and after fifty minutes' babel he was told to go to the devil and to take his hundred birds with him.

As a matter of fact he remained in Mosul, hastily hustled off a part of his flock to Baghdad to meet the demands of

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the millionaires at G.H.Q., and having reduced the supply in the former city jumped his price to R.40, at which price he disposed of the remainder of his stock to Mustapha ibn Mohammed, a Mussulman operator in the Mosul "Turkey Market." In order to secure the modest and recognised profit of 50 per cent. the latter offered them for sale at R.60. It is at this point that the second chapter of the story opens—the chastening of the turkey merchants.

Between the guileless soldier and the grasping native, for the protection of each from the other, there exists a Buffer State in the form of the Political Service, which receives in the shape of extravagant protests from both sides, the buffets which such states invariably sustain.

Perhaps the local native had come to think that the duties of the Service were concerned solely in his protection. Such ideas do grow up with some reason in some parts of the world where the British Army finds itself. However this may be, it doubtless came as a rude shock to the worthy Mustapha when an Assistant Political Officer having become acquainted with the prices he was demanding, swooped down on his stock in trade, carried it off, and informed him that if it was found that R.15 a bird was not too *high* a price that was what he might eventually expect to get, not a penny more.

But the A.P.O.'s justice though swift, perhaps even rough, is true. Mustapha with his garments rent and ashes on his head, represented that he had paid Joseph the Jew R.40 a bird and, moreover, substantiated his statement. It was admitted that in fairness Joseph should be called on to share the loss; nor did a fair distribution of the penalty seem to require the adjustment of a Solomon.

But in this the A.P.O. had reckoned without his host. Joseph on being called on to disgorge his ill-derived profits reduced his coat of many colours to fragments and swore by all the prophets that he had paid a round R.20 a bird to the Nestorian Zaya ibn Yokhanna, of Asheta. The A.P.O., in short, found the whole business was involved in a tangled skein, for the unravelment of which it was necessary in the interests of British justice to draw up a sort of genealogical tree for the wretched birds. His investigations, carried out over some two hundred square miles of country, procured him at length the materials for administering justice and derived the following authentic history of the turkeys.

Reared in a remote Armenian village they were looted by Younis ibn Jaha of Brief Khan, a Kurd, who sold them to Yezidi for R.5 a head, who sold them to Shammo ibn Iesa, of Tel Kef, a priest of the Chaldean Church, for R.10 a bird, who sold them to Zaya, the Nestorian, as stated in the history as already related.

Apart from the doubtful methods by which Younis came into possession of the birds, the original price is adjudged exhorbitant. All worthies concerned are accordingly to give up a portion of their ill-gotten gains. It will be seen that higher mathematics are no less essential to success in the Mesopotamian Political Service than language and judicial qualifications.

Such are the nefarious transactions practised in this babarous country for the exploitation of those humble people who are serving their King and Country. But before condemning too harshly the regrettable conduct of the "Mesopotamian" one cannot but reflect that an A.P.O. might be usefully established in a highly civilised island in Northern Europe.

H.R.S.

SOME EXPERIENCES IN TRANS CAUCASIA.

But for the Editor complaining of the lack of copy, I should never have dared to write anything for publication in the *Gazette*. I would, therefore, ask readers to be indulgent and to realise that these notes have only been written with the object of helping out the Editor from his present difficulties.

The 27th Division, to which I had the honour to belong, proceeded from Salonika to Batoum at the end of December, 1918. Prior to our arrival in the country none of us had anything but the slightest knowledge of the country to which we had been ordered.

As can well be imagined in a huge country like Trans Caucasia, and under conditions which are seldom met by the British soldier, we had many interesting experiences.

I do not propose to give you a detailed account of our doings, since such would necessitate considerable explanation of the political conditions obtaining in the country which are beyond my power to set down in a clear or interesting form. I shall, therefore, confine myself to the telling of one or two items of special interest which I hope will give amusement to those who read them, and at the same time show to a small extent the nature of our work in the Caucasus.

We arrived to find Batoum in the possession of the Turks and our first problem was to replace the existing Turkish Government by a Local Administration supervised by a British Military Governor. It was of primary importance to find some local celebrity who would undertake the duties of President of the Local Administration, and this was done fairly successfully thanks to the help of a young Intelligence Officer. The man selected was known to be a knave, having been publicly whipped in the streets during the old Russian regime, but he was anxious to have the job and also possessed a fascinating wife which latter asset carried great weight with the Intelligence Officer. As a matter of fact the choice proved to be a good one and the President remained in power for several weeks until he was found to be making more out of the administration than was good for him and so had to be got rid of.

No sooner had the Administrative Council been established in Batoum than news reached us that a war was in progress further up country. Georgia, which is a large state in the centre of the Caucasus and has its capital at Tiflis, was at war with the Armenian Republic which has its capital at Erivan. At that time the only troops which we had in the vicinity of the fighting, were a few officers and men who had been sent to Tiflis to arrange billets. Well, the fighting had to be stopped and the only means of doing this was by placing British troops between the two opposing armies. Accordingly a Quartermaster and a dozen men were put into a special train and sent down the line to the battlefield. The Quartermaster was given orders that he was to place his force between the two contending armies and was to stop all fighting. He carried out his orders to the letter and such was the prestige of the British Army that he and his party were allowed to place themselves between the two firing lines and all fighting immediately ceased. The Quartermaster and his party remained in position until they were relieved by a Company of British Infantry. The Commander of this Company visited in turn each of the opposing Commanders-in-Chief and very shortly afterwards a peace was concluded between the two Republics.

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One of the conditions of the peace was that a large tract of country between the two Republics should be turned into a neutral zone and placed under British rule. An exceptionally young Company-Commander was appointed Military Governor of this neutral zone which he administered most successfully for a period of eight months. He raised his own force of police and militia, framed a budget and collected taxes, administered justice, re-opened churches and schools which he maintained from his state revenue, and organised relief for the poor inhabitants. On one occasion he had a man brought before him on a charge of murder and although somewhat hazy as regards the requirements of military law he was nothing daunted and straightway proceeded to try the offender. The offender was presumably so frightened by this display of justice that he promptly pleaded guilty and was sentenced to death. Unfortunately the woman who was supposed to have been murdered, was not actually dead and flatly refused to die so the finding and sentence had to be annulled much to the sorrow of the Military Governor.

On another occasion he tried and convicted a local inhabitant of murder. This man was duly ordered to be hung. The Military Governor set about his preparations with great care and attention to detail erecting an up-to-date gallows with drop and all complete. He also placed two Lewis guns in position, but, anyhow at first, the need for them was not apparent to those who were not admitted to the secrets of the elaborate arrangements. Unfortunately a few minutes before the hour fixed for the execution the prisoner escaped. Naturally the Military Governor came in for a certain amount of chaff at the sad ending to his carefully made plans, and when accused of unnecessarily frightening the poor criminal by the presence of the two Lewis guns which were presumably intended to finish off the job if the rope and drop did not work properly, he replied that the guns were merely intended to keep the spectators in order and that the Medical Officer had been posted in the pit beneath the gallows with a revolver to finish off the prisoner if the gallows had failed to do its work. Nice for the Medical Officer!

The settlement of the Batoum Administration was proceeding nicely when it received two somewhat serious set backs. The Mayor who at the best of times was not renowned for his personal bravery, was sitting one day in his chair of office when one of his political opponents came in to see him. Apparently the answer given by the Mayor did not satisfy the visitor who pulled a revolver from his pocket and fired three rounds at the unfortunate Mayor. Luckily the Mayor was not hit and the probable reason for this was that he collapsed with fright and fell under the table where he was found shortly afterwards in a fainting condition. A few days later the Mayor resigned his office.

The second setback was brought about by the Food Controller being dismissed for lack of honesty. He strongly resented his dismissal and challenged his successor to a duel, although it is doubtful whether he ever intended to fight as he hoped that the Military Governor would get to know about it and forbid the meeting. The Military Governor did hear about it, but instead of forbidding the duel he notified the two parties concerned that he would have great pleasure in attending and asked that a front seat might be reserved for him. At the same time he let it be known that the survivor would be tried by a Military Court. This was too much for the ex-Food Controller who promptly made peace with his enemy.

(*To be concluded*).

THE CHIMNEY.

A little Sergeant found it first. Not the chimney, but the fact of its being used in such a fashion. It stood there, still thirty feet high and as much around its sturdy base, midway between the lines, and twenty yards only from either; its entrance facing a Hun sap.

The little Sergeant stood stiffly to attention, only his head being cocked to one side, and he peered upwards like a bird.

"Yes, sir, there's a ladder in it, and Fritz uses it as an O.P. or for sniping into Hogs Back Trench."

"How do you know?"

"Well, sir, when I got in I found wet soil on the rungs of the ladder."

"Rain from the top."

"No, sir, the wet soil was on the underside of the rungs, and was there from a man's instep." His bright eyes blinked, and he felt he had won.

A Pioneer Officer reconnoitred the chimney the next night, crawling behind the Sergeant, "stiffening" when the Véry lights were up and measuring silently and carefully. The next night the chimney would go up.

The calculations were made, and a necklace of guncotton had to be placed around the inside wall of the chimney. No sound must reveal the work; no hitch must occur. The guncotton, primers, fuse, electric discharger and detonators were man-handled up the trench. The Officer, the little Sergeant and a Pioneer Sergeant were at work almost at once inside the chimney. Behind them to the British trench was a line of Pioneers. Slabs of guncotton, primers and the whole of the accessories were handed silently between the men to the Pioneer Sergeant inside. The little Sergeant sat on a stone, not twenty yards from the Hun sap and watched. The hideous necklace of destruction grew.

For two hours the work went on, silently and quickly. A stray bullet, a haphazard shell striking in the right place, and the fate of all would be sealed. A noise, and their end was almost equally certain. Each man knew it.

"Fritz!" The hoarse whisper of the little Sergeant stiffened the line of workers. A Hun patrol emerged from the sap, and bore away to the right.

"All serene-o, sir," another hoarse whisper, and the stream of explosive flowed again, to be moulded into position by the Officer's deft fingers.

At last it was done; the party withdrew to safety. Three trips the Officer made to ensure his leads and fuses were correct.

"Go!" The handle of the electric discharger was rammed down, and, in a vivid sheet of flame, the chimney went up, a glorious destruction.

"That'll put the wind up old Fritz, sir."

"Get into the dugout, quick!" The little Sergeant turned and made off. As he went he called out, "A spiffin' show, sir." Barely was he in the dugout when the Officer, with the electric discharger in his hands dived in. Fritz *had* the wind up, and showed it in the usual fashion by a hurricane of *Toc Emmas*!

"Pick and Rifle."

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St. George's Gazette.

A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquishes his appointment:—

GENERAL STAFF.

CL. FF.—And relinquishes tempy. rank of Capt.:—Tempy. Lieut. W. L. H. Holmes, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 10th Jany.).

ROYAL MILITARY SCHOOL OF MUSIC, KNELLER HALL.

CMNDT.—Col. J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E., from the h.p. list (dated 31st Jany.).

MEMORANDA.

The following tempy. Lieut. relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt.:—G. A. MacRae, M.C., Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 23rd April, 1919) (substituted for notification in *Gazette* of 7th Oct., 1919).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following Lieuts. are restored to the estbt.:—A. H. Gatehouse, M.C., W. W. Arnold, R. E. D. O'Dowd, K. A. Seth-Smith (dated 1st Jany.).

Lieut. A. Woodhead, M.C., retires on ret. pay (dated 5th March).

Lieut. J. D. McKenna retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 11th March).

Lieut. G. Thorneycroft, M.C., retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 13th March), and is granted the rank of Capt.

Capt. C. H. Markham is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 16th March).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following resign their commissions:—

Lieut. J. W. McGuffog (dated 19th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Lieut. S. Enser (dated 25th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Lieut. G. B. Atkinson (dated 27th March), and is granted the rank of Maj.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—Lieut. H. White, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 5th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—Lieut. H. S. Libstein (attd. 36th Batt.) is restored to estbt. (dated 19th Jany., 1919).

4th Batt.—Lieut. J. M. Robb relinquishes his commsn. in the T.F. on appt. to a permt. commsn. in the R.A.F. (dated 1st Aug., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. Muckle to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919).

5th Batt.—Lieut. H. Armstrong, M.C., is restored to estbt. (dated 24th Sept., 1918).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. Dewar to be Lieut. (dated 26th Dec., 1919).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. E. Todd to be Lieut. (dated 29th Nov., 1919).

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5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. Woodward, M.C., to be Lieut. (dated 29th Nov., 1919).

6th Batt.—Lieut. (actg. Capt. and Adjt.) H. Armstrong, M.C., 5th Batt., vacates the appt. of Adjt. and relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (dated 24th Sept., 1918).

6th Batt. Maj. E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 16th Feby.).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. T. Haddon to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. D. Kidd to be Lieut. (dated 18th June, 1919).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. D. Buchanan to be Lieut. (dated 26th Dec., 1919).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. H. Thompson to be Lieut. (dated 30th July, 1919).

7th Batt.—Capt. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 16th Feby.).

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. A. Sheddick to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919); 2nd-Lieut. J. Sillitoe, M.C., to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919).

7th Batt.—Lieut. F. Hare relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with R.E. (dated 14th Jany.).

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. S. Turnbull to be Lieut. (dated 29th Nov., 1919).

36th Batt.—Maj. (tempy. Lieut.-Col) J. F. Thomson, D.S.O., N. Staffs Regt., relinquishes tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. Batt. (dated 22nd Nov., 1919).

NORTHUMBRIAN DIVISION.

NORTHUMBERLAND INFANTRY BRIGADE.—Lieut.-Col. J. R. Robb, to cmnd. 4th Batt. North. Fusrs.; Lieut.-Col. A. Irwin, to cmnd. 5th Batt. North. Fusrs.; Maj. E. Temperley, D.S.O., to cmnd. 6th Batt. North. Fusrs.; Capt. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., to cmnd. 7th Batt. North. Fusrs.

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

40th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. A. E. Clare (E. Surr. R., Serv. Batt.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 27th Aug., 1919).

51st Batt.—Capt. (Bt.-Maj.) V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O. (York and Lanc. R.), to be actg. Maj. while 2nd-in-cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 28th Nov., 1919, to 3rd Dec., 1919).

Tempy. Capt. L. S. N. Palmer (R. Dub. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) relinquishes actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be 2nd-in-cmnd. 52nd Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 18th Nov., 1919).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. L. Richardson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st Jany.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. T. McKay relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 7th Dec., 1919), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. C. H. Jarvis, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st Jany.), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. A. McI. Dyson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. E. Kay relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st Feby.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. W. Macgregor relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st Dec., 1919), and is granted the rank of Capt. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—R. M. Irvine (dated 28th Sept.), with prec. next below J. G. Letthead; H. Wiles (dated 26th Dec., 1919), with prec. next below G. F. Docherty; J. H. Scott (actg. Capt. and Adjt.) G. Trayhurn (dated 14th Feby.).

Tempy. Maj. H. T. Pomfret, M.C. (Manch. R., Serv. Batt.) (Capt., Res. of Officers) (Hon. Capt. in Army) relinquishes actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. a Batt. (dated 11th Feby.); tempy. Lieut. C. D. Lockwood relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th Sept., 1919), and is granted the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. C. Logan, M.C., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. 13th Batt. R. Innis. Fusrs. (dated 15th Feby., 1919); tempy. Lieut. J. A. Holt relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. E. G. Bodger relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 5th Jany.), and is granted the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. R. E. M. Finlayson, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 12th May, 1919), with seniority from 14th Feby., 1918, and is seconded while probr. to Ind. Army (substituted for *Gazette* notification 29th Nov., 1919); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. B. Pitkethley to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next above J. C. Rodger.

40th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. L. C. Thomas, M.C. (E. Surr. R., Serv. Batt.), relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 8th Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut. D. Pilling relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 30th Jany.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. W. H. Blagburn relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. W. Hall relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Vernon to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Nov., 1919); tempy. Lieut. H. Vernon relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 27th Nov., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.).

Tempy. Lieut. S. V. Bradford, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 5th March, 1919).

Tempy. Lieut. C. W. Licence relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. W. Marrs, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st Jany.), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Boyd to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919).

Tempy. Lieut. W. Sanderson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 10th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. D. McNevin to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next below R. W. R. Spelman; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. C. Mason to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 11th March).

40th Batt.—Tempy. Maj. C. A. Clark, D.S.O., M.C. (E. Surr. R., Serv. Batt.) (Lieut. E. Surr. R.) to be 2nd-in-cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 1st Aug., 1919) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 19th Feby.).

52nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut.-Col. J. C. Hartley, D.S.O. (tempy. Maj., R. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) (Capt., ret.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 4th Feby.).

Lieut. A. Blake relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd a Coy. (dated 31st May, 1919); tempy. Lieut. H. F. McC. Reid relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.), 8th Batt. R. Irish Regt. (dated 12th June, 1919); tempy. Lieut. R. Goodier relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

52nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. G. A. McRae, M.C. (North. Fusrs. Serv. Batt.), to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 23rd April, 1919, to 23rd July, 1919).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. A. Baey relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 17th Feby., 1919).

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

1st Batt.—Tempy. Capt. E. M. H. Greville relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 29th Jany.), and retains the rank of Capt.

1st Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. E. L. Morris relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 29th Jany.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

2nd Batt.—Lieut.-Col. W. B. Stilwell, D.S.O. (4th Batt. Hamps. R., T.F.), vacates cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 15th Jany.).

2nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. H. Johnson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 29th Nov., 1919), and is granted the rank of Capt. (Substituted for *Gazette* notification 14th Jany.).

2nd Batt.—Tempy. Capt. R. C. Strologo relinquishes his commsn.

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on completion of service (dated 25th Jany.), and retains the rank of Capt.

3rd (Home Serv.) Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. P. F. Small relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

LABOUR CORPS.

The following relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Corps:—Tempy. Lieut. E. G. Bodger (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) (dated 22nd Dec., 1919).

TANK CORPS.

Capt. (Bt.-Maj.) E. L. Salier, M.C. (North. Fusrs.), to be Capt. (dated 4th Feby.), with seniority from 10th April, 1915.

WAR HONOURS.

War Office,
8th March, 1920.

The following is among the decorations and medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission to wear the Medal in question:—

CONFERRED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC.

PORTUGUESE MILITARY MEDAL FOR GOOD SERVICES (COPPER).

No. 45528 Pte. (actg. Sgt.) H. B. Thompson, 18th Batt. North. Fusrs. (Liscard, Cheshire).

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Guadelope Barracks,
Bordon,
25th March, 1920.

Again our notes cannot be as long or as interesting as one would wish, as life here, though busy, is somewhat uneventful.

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The new ponies are living up to their looks and are a very satisfactory lot. One or two of us have managed to get a day or two with the H.H., though these days are few and far between as the meets are, more often than not, a long way off.

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We welcome one or two improvements in the Mess; first a new range in the kitchen, of which great things are expected, and we know that it can develop a great heat because all the plates at lunch come in now, instead of stone cold, so terrifically hot that it is quite impossible to hold them. The second improvement is the installation of two new fire-places, one in the Mess and the other in the Ante-Room. These ought to come in very handy for next winter, if we are still here!

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A sudden craze for golf seems to have come to the Battalion and even those who frankly admit that they cannot play at all may be seen dashing off to the "links" at all hours of the day. When they come back their tempers seem to have suffered considerably, and generally they are deficient of one or two clubs and a great many balls. However, they go off and do exactly the same thing next day, protesting loudly that golf is a most poisonous game, which makes it rather difficult for the uninitiated to know whether it is worth taking up or not.

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Lieut.-Col. Girdwood and Maj. Leverson have both paid us visits during the month, and the "Editor" spared us a night (not an all night sitting) from his Parliamentary duties.

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The Polo ground is fettled up and as soon as the new turf has settled down it will be possible to play. The upper half of the ground is available to knock a ball about. Some of the ponies are an unknown quality but we hope they will yield to treatment.

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Company Training and Casuals Musketry are our chief military activities.

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Trooping the Colours in Service Dress is rather like wearing brown boots with a frock coat but we hope that next year we may turn out properly dressed, though a "Red" Army sounds disreputable.

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Departures within month of March, 1920:—

Maj. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., proceeded to join the 7th Territorial Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, 20th March, 1920.

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Capt. C. H. Markham retired and placed on half-pay list on account of ill-health caused by wounds, 16th March.

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Lieut. C. E. Hamilton is posted to the Depôt, Newcastle, with effect from 18th March, 1920, *vice* Lieut. C. T. Girdlestone cross-posted to the Battalion.

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Lieut. G. Thorneycroft, M.C., retires receiving a gratuity (13th March), and is granted the rank of Captain.

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Lieut. J. D. McKenna retires receiving a gratuity (11th March).

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Lieut. A. Woodhead, M.C., retires on retired pay (5th March).

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Arrivals:—

Lieut. A. B. Surtees joined for duty on the 6th March, 1920.

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Lieut. C. T. Girdlestone joined the Battalion on the 19th March.

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Postings:—

Lieut. G. White is posted to the Battalion (5th March).

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Departures:—

No.	4141	C.S.M.I.M. W. Remnant, Discharged after 21 years' service	22/3/20
,,	56939	Cpl. A. Higgs, Discharged	12/3/20
,,	18647	Sgt. J. W. Thompson, Dispersed	20/3/20
,,	2194	Lce.-Sgt. F. Sloan, Dispersed	19/3/20
,,	89849	Cpl. A. Jones, Discharged	19/3/20
,,	25496	Lce.-Cpl. C. Harris, Discharged	11/3/20
,,	3814	Cpl. T. Lovell, Dispersed, ...	6/3/20
,,	85969	Lce.-Cpl. H. Morgan, Discharged	1/3/20

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BOXING TOURNAMENT—ALDERSHOT COMMAND.

This meeting was held in the Maida Drill Hall, Aldershot, on the 4th and 5th March. Extracts from results are given below:—

FIRST DAY.

CLASS A (OFFICERS). *Middle Weights.*—2nd-Lieut. J. W. Vernon, 5th Fusiliers, beat Lieut. Grant, Cameron Highlanders, after a good contest which was quite the best fight of the day.

Welter-Weights.—Lieut. E. G. Pease, M.C., lost to Lieut. Smith, Lancashire Fusiliers. Lieut. Pease had to stop during the second round owing to an injured leg.

Light-Weight.—Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., drew a "bye."

Feather-Weights.—2nd-Lieut. C. S. Graham, walk over.

SECOND DAY.

Middle-Weights Final.—2nd-Lieut. J. W. Vernon had to scratch to his opponent owing to having injured his hand the previous day.

Light-Weights Final.—Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., lost to his opponent on points after a very keen fight.

Feather-Weights Final.—2nd-Lieut. C. S. Graham. Walk over.

The FIFTH were placed third in Class A. Taking into consideration that two of our competitors were complete novices, we did extremely well.

The FIFTH were not represented in Class B (Other Ranks) and Class C (Boys).

FOOTBALL.

10th March.—The Regimental Team played "Alton Wednesday" at Alton. The FIFTH completely outplayed the opposing team by their short passing game which resulted in three goals in succession being scored by Cpl. Higgins. Pte. Pope scored a fourth. Result: 4—1.

12th March.—Boys' Team, 5th Fusiliers *v.* R.A.M.C., Aldershot. 1st Round Class C Competition. Played at Aldershot. Result: R.A.M.C., 9; 5th Fusiliers, 0.

We were outplayed by older and much heavier boys but it was a good game. We have good material and shall do better next year.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

The Command Cross Country Finals were held at Aldershot on the 10th March. No. 26257 Pte. L. Golightly and No. 3695 Pte. J. Stewart competed for the Command Individual Championship, finishing 6th and 12th respectively.

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Pte. Golightly ran in the Army Cross Country Championship, held at Aldershot, on the 16th March, finishing 20th.

HOCKEY.

Hockey has been continued with much energy but without much success owing to the difficulty of turning out our best team owing to several of the members being on Company Training.

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On Monday, the 8th March, we played the 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers on the Officers' Hockey Ground. After a rather one-sided game we were defeated by 5 goals to 1.

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On the 18th March we again played the 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers and after a very close game, which bad shooting on the part of the forwards prevented us from winning, we were defeated by 3 goals to 1.

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In the Battalion, Y Coy. played Z Coy. and after a terrific game a draw of 4 goals each resulted.

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On Saturday, the 13th March, the Sergeants challenged the Officers and a very good game ensued. The result was 3 goals to 2 in favour of the Sergeants.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

As anticipated in last month's notes, the final for the Walter Locke Billiard Competition for 1919 provided a very keen game, C.Q.M.S. Clarke winning by the narrow margin of five points.

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Challenged by the Royal Dublin Fusiliers' Mess to a billiards and football match, we more than held our own as the appended scores will show:—

BILLIARDS.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.			ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.		
C.S.M. Graham	..	111	C.S.M. McDermott	..	125
C.S.M. Avery	..	100	C.S.M. Duffy	..	125
C.Q.M.S. Clarke	..	125	Q.M.S. Melia	..	58
Sgt. Brooks	..	103	Sgt. Carolan	..	125
Sgt. Grundy	..	125	Q.M.S. Curran	..	114
Sgt. Young	..	125	C.S.M.I.M. Connor	..	69
		689			616

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Owing to the fact that a few of the experts had been playing Euchre before the match, the crack of the Dublin's did not do himself justice.

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FOOTBALL.

FIFTH, 1; ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS, 1.

Sgt. Shipley scored for the FIFTH. Others deserving special mention were C.Q.M.S. Knapp and Sgt. Master Tailor Maunder; the latter brought off one or two miraculous saves in goal.

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A Whist Drive was held in the Mess on Wednesday, 10th March, and proved a great success. The prize-winners were:—Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Adlard; 2nd, Mrs. Davies (visitor); Booby, Mrs. Avery. Gentlemen, 1st, Sgt. Roberts; 2nd, Sgt.-Master-Tailor Maunder; Booby, Sgt. Davies (visitor).

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It is hoped to run these Whist Drives fortnightly.

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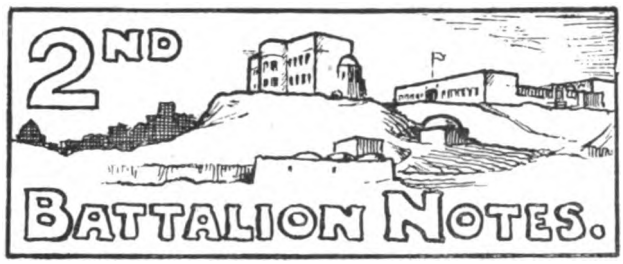
OFFICERS' MESS, MOSUL.



Since our last notes were written (14th January) winter has come upon us, at first stealthily, with occasional dull days alternating with days of bright sunshine with increasing cold, English Spring weather without the trees and hedgerows. Now, however, we are overwhelmed by ice cold winds, snow and sleet and a world of mud and slime beneath our feet. Also, alas, we are under canvas. This, however, is not the winter of our discontent for we know that here, at any rate, such conditions cannot last long.

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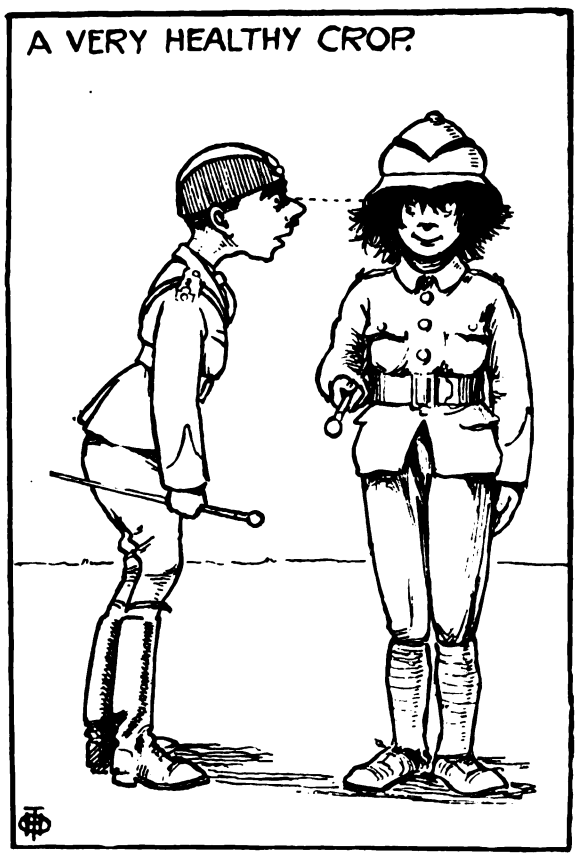
On the 28th January—a horribly wet day—a tiny spec appeared on the horizon moving towards us on the Shargât Road. Binoculars and signaller's telescopes were speedily brought to bear on it from the roof of the Mess Building, and they revealed Maj. H. C. Stephen riding at the head of an armed force. The first reinforcements from England



since our departure in September last. Immediately behind this imposing column came an enormous convoy of A.T. carts headed by Capt. Baxter. The Band and Drums turned out and played them into camp. They were much needed and very welcome.

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Several wives and families have arrived. They are not, however, joining us in Mosul, although much time and labour have been expended in preparing for their reception. For the present they are staying at Baiji and, as the weather becomes warmer they will go into Persia where they will bask in the cool shade of evergreen forests, in Oriental luxury, chuckling heartily as they think of us poor bachelors broiling below.

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Our great difficulty here is *hair*. Such is the effect of the climate that even in the present bad growing weather this luxuriant crop never fails and in spite of the most elaborate organisation it is almost impossible to get in the harvest before the new crop is ready for cutting. Some men have actually had a clip twice in one day! The Draft especially noticed this peculiarity, as, although they left the 1st Battalion with a close crop, by the time they reached Mosul their joylocks were dangling coyly round their shoulders.

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The Vale of Mosul Hounds, a Regimental pack of long dogs (two in number) have had a successful opening meet. There is some doubt as to whether it was a *Bye* day as no notice was given and the *Hunt* was seen to steal out at 2 p.m. from an obscure corner of the Q.M. Stores. The Master, Maj. Williams, reports that about two miles out these incomparable hounds raised a Jack and ran a brisk point of three miles when, owing to the exhaustion of all concerned, a draw was declared.

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An enthusiastic member of the hunt on this occasion was Maj. Stephen, whose moderation in addressing his horse (a proud but woebegone and blistered bay) was greatly admired by the field. His choice of anathemas has aroused the envy of the master who has since offered himself for immediate leave to the United Kingdom to enable him to study the Major's methods.

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Shooting has not been at all bad during the last week or two. A party of four guns secured 3 geese, some partridges and a quail, while another party brought home a splendid pair of bustard weighing 12lbs. each. A spring balance has been discovered and birds are eagerly weighed after estimates have been canvassed.

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The Platoon Football and Hockey League matches, which had to be suspended for a short time owing to the shortage of players has, now that the Draft is here, been resumed. Nos. 3 and 9 Platoons should do well in both Leagues if their form is maintained.

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On the 24th January the Battalion played "The Rest of Mosul" (Officers) at Soccer. The Rest was a very strong team, one or two of them being almost of International form. And the result after a very good game was 3 goals to 1 against us. In the return match on the 7th February we reversed this result and won a hard game.

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On the 29th January we played C Coy., 17th M.G. Batt., on our ground. The result was a draw, 4 goals all. While

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on the same day we were handsomely whacked at hockey by a very hot team of the 52nd Sikhs.

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Mosul has entered a team for the Baghdad Commemora-

tion Week Polo Tournament which takes place on the 8th to 10th March. The team is going to Baiji on the 18th February in order to practice and get the ponies fit before the Tournament on a ground less swampy than that at Mosul which is at present under water.

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2nd-Lieut. W. H. Griffiths, M.C., joined for duty on the 8th February. He is now with Brigade acting as Staff Captain.

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All the Institutes are now under cover in the main building and are consequently much more comfortable and convenient than when under canvas. The tailors arrived from India on the 10th February and are already overwhelmed with work putting the West End cut on to the substantial but homely garments "as issued."

2ND BATTALION DRAFT NOTES.

COLABA,
BOMBAY,
21st February, 1920.

We remained at Port Said for a day and a half, coaling being delayed by a strike of Coolies.

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We started off down the Suez Canal late on the evening of the 9th February; however, the electric searchlight refused to function, and we ran firmly aground about three miles from Port Said, and remained fast till the following morning, when we succeeded in getting off.

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The cold weather pursued us down the Canal and into the Red Sea; great coats were commonly worn on deck until within three days of Aden, surely a record.

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From Aden to Bombay we had an unusually calm passage, varied by Boxing Contests, Ship's Sports, Concerts and Dances.

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In the boxing, Pte. Somerville won the Featherweight Championship of the ship, beating Nelson, R.A.F., in the final with some ease, in spite of the fact that he was fighting with a damaged right hand.

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Pte. Lee had bad luck in being knocked out in the first round, when he looked like winning his fight.

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In the Ship's Sports, Pte. Lisle won the blindfold boxing and Pte. Mason was second in the cock-fighting.

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During the voyage Capt. Harrison, R.H.A., gave the Draft a most interesting lecture on Mesopotamia and its history.

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We reached Bombay on the 18th February, and marched to Colaba Camp, about three miles, where we remain until our departure for Mesopotamia, in the s.s. *Chakdara*, probably on the 24th February.

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The drop in the rate of exchange has proved a severe blow to most of us; the purchasing power of a sovereign in Bombay is at present somewhere in the neighbourhood of 5/-.

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We hope to send off our next batch of notes on arrival in Mesopotamia.

3RD BATTALION NOTES.

24th March, 1920.

From *The Sunderland Echo*, 16th February, 1920:—

At a special service in Boldon Parish Church on the 15th February the War Memorials were dedicated by the Rector, the Rev. Aubrey E. Leake. These consisted of (1) A *Liber Vitae*, in which is recorded the name of every man of the Parish who served in the war. There is a finely illuminated inscription on the first page—"To the glory of God, and in ever grateful remembrance of the men of Boldon (West, East and South) who, in Navy, Army and Merchant Service, came to the call of their King and Country in the Great War, 1914-1919, and in faithful service and brave warfare carried to victory the cause of freedom and justice for all nations—this *Liber Vitae* is inscribed." Then follow 409 names. A further page of the Memorial is headed by the crest of the Northumberland Fusiliers (The 5th Foot), and records the fact that the Officers and men of the 3rd Battalion, whose Headquarters and Training Grounds were in the Parish, played a leading and noble part during the war. This book, bound in purple morocco, is kept in an oak box with silver mountings. (2) Two Mosaics, beauti-

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ful in design and colouring with almost life-size figures of St. George (the Patron Saint of the Northumberland Fusiliers) and St. Nicholas (the Titular Saint of Boldon Parish Church), have been made by Mr. Cook, of Langley, Bucks. The first is the gift of Miss Kirkley, in memory of her nephew, Wilfred Kirkley, son of the late Mr. James Kirkley, of Cleadon Park. The second is the gift of Church-people and friends in the Parish. Under the figure of each Saint is a large bronze tablet which is made to form part of the design of the Mosaic. On these are recorded the names of all the men who gave their lives. After the dedication of these memorials, buglers of the 2nd Batt. Durham Light Infantry sounded the "Last Post." The Rector preached, and alluded in his sermon to the many times that the old Church, seven hundred years old this year, must have been filled with the same sort of praises for deliverance, and prayers for dear ones who had nobly died, as to-day.

C.P.H.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
28th March, 1920.

Duty in the Depôt during this month has been much less exciting and things generally are settling down to a more normal state. Still there is a considerable amount of "clearing up" going on, involving an extraordinary amount of clerical labour.

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The Army revels in piles of correspondence and multitudinous piles of documents; if it were not so life in the Service would not be worth living.

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We have to thank Alfred Brewis, Esq., for a copy of the "Historical Records" of the 18th Battalion, which he has presented to the Depôt.

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We have received during the month a Colour for each of the following Battalions:—10th, 11th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 24th, 26th, 27th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 1st and 2nd Garrison Battalions.

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Those of the 20th and 21st Battalions have been handed over to the Committee of the Tyneside Scottish.

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The remaining Colours are awaiting disposal.

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We have to give our very best thanks to the following:—Lieut.-Col. J. F. Thomson, D.S.O., and the Officers, 36th Battalion, for the gift of two tenor drums to the 1st Battalion.

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One bass drum, 1 stand and 1 canvas scroll to the Depôt. The two tenor drums originally belonged to the 12/13th Battalions.

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To Lieut.-Col. W. H. Sowerby and the Officers 1st Garr. Battalion for the gift of two tenor drums to the Depôt.

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To Lieut.-Col. A. C. de Trafford and Officers of the 39th Battalion for the gift of a complete set of band instruments to the Depôt.

To Lieut.-Col. W. P. S. Foord, D.S.O., and Officers, 51st Battalion, for the gift of a large number of band instruments to the Depôt. These instruments originally belonged to the 19th Battalion.

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We now form part of No. 1 Area, Northern Command, which is commanded by Maj.-Gen. P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., etc., and he came on the 12th instant, on taking over command, to inspect our quarters and those of the Depôt, Durham Light Infantry. Now that he is so closely connected with us we see him more frequently in the course of duty.

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On the 26th Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., paid us an official visit.

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Some good days' hunting have been put in this month.

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On the 24th the Tynedale Point to Point Races were held near Corbridge, but the day turned out very unpleasant and most unfavourable for the Races.

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In the "clearing up" process two notable records have been unearthed. One was a copy of the Services of the Northumberland Militia during the period 1757—1876, and the other was the Record of Services of Officers of the Regiment who served between the years 1799—1858. This Record also contains the names of the Sergeants and Corporals who served with the Regiment during the same period.

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A statement of the Services of the following Officers is recorded:—

Maj.-Gen. William Sutherland
Maj. George Allan
Maj. Joshua Simmons Smith
Maj. Arthur Du Bourdien
Col. David England Johnson
Bt.-Maj. William Smith
Capt. George William Butter
Maj. John Spence
Capt. and Pymr. William Clane
Capt. Charles Wood
Capt. Charles May
Capt. John Wingfield King
Bt.-Col. George Tovey
Lieut.-Col. Lord Charles Wellesley
Lieut.-Col. J. S. Schonswar
Maj. John Bent
Capt. Walter Harris
Capt. John Macdonald
Capt. Charles Deane
Capt. Thomas Canch
Capt. Frederick Adolphus Robinson
Capt. Gilbert Champain
Capt. William Colborne Mayne
Maj.-Gen. Melmoth Nelson Guy
Capt. Arthur L'Estrange
Capt. William Prince Jonew
Lieut. Charles Graves (commissioned from Grenadier Guards, 1811)
Capt. Theophilus Jenkins
Lieut. Lodsman Gordon Scott
Capt. William S. Scroggs
Lieut. Piers Geale
Lieut. Hugh Percy Baker
Capt. Louis Herries Hamilton
Lieut. William Woodgale
Lieut. Frederick J. Rawlins
Ensign Samuel G. Beamish
Lieut. Robert Hawkes
Capt. Francis Richard Pymer
Capt. Charles Massey Dawson
Lieut. Thomas Place
2nd-Lieut. and Adjt. Donald Munroe (commissioned from 5th Foot, 1827)
Pymr. Jas. Masterson Pennington
Ensign and Adjt. Pelham Aldrich
Qrmr. William Tiller
Surgeon Thomas Price Lea
Surgeon Thomas Hall
Lieut. Randal Foot
Lieut. William Greene
Lieut. John Appleford Woolls
Lieut. John M. Campbell
Lieut. Robertson Mackay
Lieut. Jas. A. Forrest
Lieut. William Henry Kebbel
Lieut. Chas. Davis Osborne
Bt. Lieut.-Col. George Brian Milman
Lieut. Herbert Venn Stephen
Lieut. Francis Sutton
Capt. Edward Carter Gifford
Lieut. Thomas Connor
Lieut. John Jones
Capt. John Woodward
Lieut. Arthur C. Macdonough
Lieut. Richard A. H. Kirwan
Lieut. Thomas Eyre
Capt. Charles Durie
Ensign George Frederick Lock
Capt. Henry F. F. Johnson
Surgeon Hugh Mackay

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Lieut.-Col. William Chester Master
Lieut. William John Campbell
Capt. John Wallace Colquitt
Lieut. Beresford William Shaw
Capt. John Du Bourdien
Lieut. John Frederick Sparke
Asst. Surgeon George Ledingham
Surgeon Duncan Henderson
Asst. Surgeon James Archibald McBean
Asst. Surgeon James Ferguson, M.D.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Once more we are normal, and I might say the Huts on Leazes Park have a very desolate look! the Depôt Staff a very cheery look; especially in "Q" Department No. 1 Company. For all our trials and troubles we managed to have a Whist Drive on the 15th, which was hotly contested, C.S.M. F. B. Lee winning the booby prize by many points, which accounts for much of the cheeriness in the aforementioned department. The ladies' first was won by Mrs. Litchfield, of the D.L.I. The gentlemen's first was won by Sgt. Deeks (Martin Harvey, *alias* Sexton Blake).

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On the 19th our Monthly Dance was held in the Gymnasium and proved a great success. We were pleased to see several Officers of the 5/68th Depôt and hope they will honour us with their presence on many a similar occasion. The Committee, under C.S.M. Watson, combined to make a very successful and pleasant evening. The Band, under the leadership of our worthy Drum-Major, are to be congratulated on the rendering of an excellent programme of music. We are also to be congratulated on having an excellent *chef*, to wit Pte. Talton, the ladies especially being very complimentary on the class of his *cuisine*.

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At present we are in the throes of a Games Tournament the results of which we will be able to publish in next month's *Gazette*.

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The Fusiliers' Depôt Team played Bedlington Wednesday on the 3rd. The game was played at Bedlington in a gale and we were lucky to run out-winners by a solitary goal. On the 17th we played Gateshead Co-Operative, at Gateshead, this time returning easy winners by 5—0.

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It is with many regrets we record the death of yet another old Fusilier in the person of Sgt. J. O'Halloran. To his wife and daughter we tender our deepest sympathy.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st March, 1920.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1918 and 1919.

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The Easter Holiday coming just at the critical moment of "going to press" is the cause of a few days delay in publication. We would remind impatient readers that it is impossible at any time to get the *Gazette* out much before the 10th of the month, as we only go to press finally on the 1st.

The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
Mrs. Bird (2nd Batt.)
W. Boyd, Esq.
Mr. J. Dodds (2nd Batt.)
Lieut.-Col. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O.
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
Miss E. G. Johnstone
Mr. Lynch (2nd Batt.)
2nd-Lieut. C. H. Mitchell
Gen. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.
Lieut. W. Smart
Mrs. Quinn (2nd Batt.)

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Subscriptions due in April:—

Lady Bertha Dawkins
Col. A. J. Foster, C.B.
Mrs. L. Gibson
Maj. G. C. Holderness
Maj. R. Isacke
Maj. D. Myles
Capt. Mort
Lieut.-Col. G. Spain, C.M.G.
Sergeants' Mess, 5/68th R.D.
Lieut. Soper
Mr. G. Terrill
Maj. Milburn
Lieut. W. Watson
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Mr. W. J. Buxton

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Letter to the Editor.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY,
8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st March, 1920.

To the Editor, "ST. GEORGE'S GAZETTE."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions and donations received between 1st January and 31st March, 1920, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Col. D. Sapte	2	2	0
Col. E. W. Dashwood, C.B.E.	2	2	0
Mrs. Herbert Armstrong	1	1	0
Col. J. A. C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E.	1	1	0
O.C., 37th Batt. North. Fusrs.	542	11	0
O.C., 2nd Batt. North. Fusrs.	3	6	0
Col. C. G. Heathcote	1	1	0
Hon. F. W. Lambton	1	0	0
Maj. G. M. Harding	1	1	0
Capt. M. L. Sant	1	1	0
Mrs. M. G. Carden	1	1	0
Miss A. Booth	2	2	0
Col. M. W. Biddulph	5	0	0
Brig.-Gen. F. C. Carter, C.B.	1	1	0
Col. W. S. Darley	2	2	0
Col. G. Hart Dyke	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. F. L. Festing, C.B., C.M.G.	1	0	0
Col. Hon. N. C. Gathorne Hardy	1	1	0
Mrs. Harkness	1	1	0
Col. E. S. Heard	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. C. H. L. James, C.B., C.M.G.	2	2	0
Brig.-Gen. Hon. C. Lambton, D.S.O.	5	5	0
Col. Hon. M. O'Brien, M.V.O., D.S.O.	2	0	0
Col. G. A. Pagan	1	1	0
Maj. F. W. Saunders	1	1	0
Brig.-Gen. W. H. Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.	2	2	0
Col. A. E. Whitaker, C.B.E.	5	0	0
Capt. J. H. L. White	1	1	0
Col. C. M. A. Wood, C.M.G., D.S.O.	1	0	0
Col. W. C. Wright	1	0	0
Brig.-Gen. T. G. L. Herbert Armstrong, C.B.E.	3	3	0
The late Lieut. A. B. Cramsie, Per Sec., Polo Fund, 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers	Rupees 114, Annas 9		

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT, Lieut.-Col.,
Secretary.

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THE DEPARTURE OF THE 2ND BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

(By Pte. G. C. Moon.)

It was Sunday evening,
So delightful and cool,
A ship known as the *Derbyshire*,
Left good old Liverpool.

On board was one Battalion,
Of good North Country boys;
Then the anchor it was weighed,
And how deafening was the noise.

The Band did play for "Auld Lang Syne,"
The people they did cheer,
The bells rang out a true farewell,
As the ship moved from the Pier.

All on her deck
Looked out towards the disappearing shore,
For well they knew that many there,
That part would see no more.

But were those boys downhearted?
They truly roared out "No!"
For never will they be depressed,
No matter where they go.

As time goes by they will return,
And will again be met with cheers,
For who were they that didn't respect
The Northumberland Fusiliers?

Inspired doubtless by Miss Daisy Ashford's success with "The Young Visitors," No. 88822 Pte. G. C. Moon has sent us the above poem. In his case we have taken the liberty to change his phonetically spelt version, to one of more normal etymological proportions, but we certainly think that his maiden attempt to mount "Parnassus" should be illuminated by the light of publicity. The original has its niche in the Editorial Archives.—Editor, *St. George's Gazette.*

From *The Daily Mirror*:—

94 GREETS 15.

Oldest Ex-Member of "Fighting Fifth" Meets Youngest Soldier in Battalion.

There was a remarkable coincidence at the Bermondsey Workhouse a little while ago, when the youngest member of the 1/5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (the "Fighting Fifth"), Edward Baker, aged 15, met in the institution the oldest living member of that famous Battalion, John Richardson, an Indian Mutiny veteran, who was 94 a few days ago.

When the boy was three years old his mother went into the Workhouse with him, but took her discharge the next day, leaving the child behind. The boy was at once sent to a home at Clapham and, after a short stay there, was drafted to a school whence he went into the Army.

The lad is now on special leave to see if he can find any relations, but the records have been searched without success.

When the boy was introduced to the old veteran, it was ascertained that they both belonged to the same Company of the same Battalion of the famous Regiment.

Richardson was recently presented with a replica of his medal. He has a pint of beer a day, a luxury to continue to the end of his days.

SOME EXPERIENCES IN TRANS CAUCASIA.

(*Concluded from page 24.*)

Kars, which is probably well known by name to all those who read this, was occupied by British troops shortly after our arrival in the Caucasus. The province of Kars was placed under a British Military Governor who had under him a local administration called the Shura. The members of this Shura were a most unruly crowd and eventually it was decided that they must be removed. Arrangements were, therefore, made to seize them and deport them out of the country. The actual arrest was carried out by surrounding their Council Chamber with troops whilst they were in session. All went well and the arrest was successfully carried out with only one casualty. The casualty was caused by a rifle being let off by mistake whilst the building was being surrounded. The bullet did not hit anyone, but the report so frightened one of the gallant members of the Shura that he fell off his chair and ruptured himself so badly that he had to be removed to hospital.

Shortly after the Kars Shura had been disposed of, we were threatened with labour troubles at Batoum. The labourers were fully alive to all that was going on in Europe and demanded concessions which were if anything in advance of those being demanded by the British Trade Unions. The town and province of Batoum were settling down nicely under British rule and it was particularly desired to avoid a serious strike. It was, therefore, decided to deal with the strike with a firm hand. The electric light works and water works were taken over by men lent by the Royal Navy and the place of the dock labourers was taken by Austrian and Turkish prisoners of war who were awaiting repatriation. By these means the normal life of the town was in no way interfered with. The principal strike leaders were arrested and placed on board a British cruiser where they were secured in irons. Next day it was decided to move the striko leaders from the cruiser to the prison and an armed guard was sent on board to fetch them. Whilst the guard was escorting the strikers to the prison, one or two of the men composing it took the opportunity of frightening their prisoners by drawing their hands across their throats to signify that the prisoners were really for it this time. One of the prisoners was so upset by the signs made by the guard that soon after he arrived in the prison, he managed to commit suicide by drinking creosol.

Prior to the arrival of British troops in the Caucasus a German military and civil mission had been for some time established in Tiflis. There was also the remains of a German Division scattered throughout the country. One of our early duties was to get these German officers and men out of the country. The bulk of the troops were got rid of without much difficulty since a German ship was available to take them, but great difficulty was experienced in getting rid of the staff of the mission. They were brought to Batoum and all arrangements were made for them to leave by a British transport, but all the stewards and cooks promptly went on strike and refused to wait on or cook for any German officers. As the remainder of the crew backed up the stewards and cooks, the ship had to sail without the staff of the mission. Eventually a ship normally used for carrying horses and mules was persuaded to take them much to the disgust of the pompous German officers.

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After the clearance of the German troops and mission from Tiflis, the only German official remaining in or near the Caucasus was the German Consul at Tabriz. Tabriz is in Persia, but was specially included in the sphere of influence allotted to the General Officer Commanding British Troops in the Caucasus. This German Consul did not mean to be caught unawares and promptly put his house into a state of defence with machine guns, rifles and searchlights. Owing to the house being situated in the middle of the European quarter of Tabriz and there being many English and Allied officials living in close proximity, it was not possible to undertake offensive operations against the German Consulate. It was therefore eventually arranged to leave it well alone and the German Consul remained shut up in his consulate until the peace with Germany was arranged.

I could tell you many more experiences, but I fear that already I must have expended the patience of my readers so I will bring these rambling notes to an end by giving an account of a somewhat amusing incident which happened to me personally.

It is the custom throughout the Caucasus to celebrate any great festival such as Christmas or the New Year by firing off rifles and revolvers. The firing is supposed to be done in the air, but as the firer has often been celebrating the festival to a considerable extent, he is apt to have but a hazy idea of where the heavens are. The consequence is that rifles and revolvers are frequently discharged towards the ground with the result that the bullets ricochet wildly off the pavé streets.

I was lying in bed early on the morning of the Russian Christmas Day and there had been much firing throughout the night, so I was not altogether surprised to receive a message that a casualty had occurred. The actual message that I received was that a cart was standing at the door with the body of an Armenian in it and that two Armenian priests were in attendance. They wanted to know what to do with the body. I expressed my regret at the death of the Armenian, but said that as I had no particular use for the body it should be taken to the Police Barracks and handed over to the D.A.P.M. The cart then left for the barracks accompanied by the two priests who chanted mournful dirges on the way. Later in the morning I happened to ask whether the D.A.P.M. had received the body and was then informed that on the arrival of the body at the Police Barracks the man was found not to be dead at all, but merely to have been overcome completely by too much liquid refreshment.

It was a sad day when we left the Caucasus as we had received much hospitality during our short stay and I for one shall not be sorry if the fates decree that I should once more return there.

G.R.F.L.

HISTORY OF AN OLD "AWARD OF MERIT."

The accompanying illustration is a photograph of a medal once belonging to George Kirk, whose death, in 1814, is recorded on a tombstone in St. Michael's Churchyard at Alnwick.

George Kirk, whose home was near Sheffield, must have enlisted in the FIFTH in 1755-56, when the Regiment was re-called from Ireland on the eve of the Seven Years' War, and ordered to recruit to full strength. Sir John Irwin commanded the Regiment, and Lord George Bentinck was Colonel.

There is no apparent reason why a twelve year old Yorkshire boy should have joined the FIFTH; they had been more than twenty years in Ireland, and threequarters of the Officers were Irish; they had landed at Bristol, and the recruiting marches had been through the Southern Counties. But Kirk must have joined at this time, for, fourteen years' later, he was one of the earliest recipients of the Medal of Merit (18th January, 1769-70). The FIFTH were then back in Ireland and Lord Percy was Colonel. Kirk went to America with the Regiment, and a family tradition says that he saved "the Colonel's life" at Bunker's Hill. Now Lord Percy took no part in that engagement, so if his was the life saved, it more probably happened at Lexington. If Kirk was a grenadier this is quite possible, and in 1778, a Sgt. Kirk was the senior N.C.O. of the Grenadier Company (Capt. Gore). Some deed of gallantry brought him to the Colonel's notice, and,

when Kirk left the Regiment he followed Lord Percy to Alnwick, and was there set up as a brewer and porter, or gatekeeper at the Barbican; in after years his son became one of the Castle gardeners.

George Kirk married an Irish girl, Frances ———. Two of their children died in infancy; a boy, George, in 1782, and a girl, Frances, in 1792; but a son, Henry Collingwood, survived. He was the gardener, and a tree just outside the Barbican, of Alnwick Castle, was planted by him.

The medal passed from Henry Collingwood to his son, Thomas, and again to his son, the present owner.

Mr. Thomas Kirk has kindly supplied the above information concerning his family; his two sons, Thomas (joined in 1913), and Adam, both forsook their ancestor's Regiment and served in the Navy during the late war.

The medal, which is an inch and a half in diameter, differs from those struck in 1767; it is engraved, not embossed, and St. George facing left instead of right, is in an unusual position. Probably it is of Irish workmanship.

H.M.W.

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THE SLACK SUN.

When living in Yorkshire and farming on the Wolds, writes a correspondent, I always had some Scotch and Irish men as extra help in harvest. One of these men was very proud of his watch, a fine "old turnip." One morning early, about five o'clock, we were discussing the time, when this old chap pulled out his watch and said (referring to the sun's rise over the top of a plantation): "If she's not o'er (over) them trees in three minutes, *she's late*!"

WISDOM OF AGE.

A discussion of the peculiar political situation of the moment, with its thunderous by-elections, inspired the oldest member of the Club to tell a story older than himself. And this it was: "An old rook and a young rook sat on a tree. 'That's a man with a gun,' said the old rook. 'Rot!' said the young rook; 'that's a man with a stick.' 'Of course!' said the old rook, with his most sarcastic cawk; 'you young 'uns always know better than anybody else. I tell you it's a man with a gun, and I'm off.' He flew away, and the man shot him. 'The old fool was right after all,' said the young rook."

SHOOTING AND DIALECTICS.

A man with a bit of shooting asked a friend to join him in a day after mixed birds. At the last moment the friend telephoned that it was impossible for him to come. Being a sociable soul, who hated to shoot alone, the master asked his black valet Sambo to go out with him, offering him half the spoils. They blazed at everything in feathers or fur, and their bag was:—

Crows, 1.
Pheasants, 1.

"Now," said the master, "I'm a man of my word. Which shall we do? Will you take the crow and I the pheasant or would you prefer that the pheasant goes to me and the crow to you?" "Say it again, boss," asked the bewildered Sambo, and said again it was. Sambo worked it out on his fingers and then said, "Seems to me, boss, dat dat damned crow's mine anyhow." And it was so.

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Liabilities.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Creditors:—		
For Subscriptions paid in advance	40 0 0	
Printing, etc.	64 13 11	
		104 13 11
Profit and Loss Account as last ..	317 18 9	
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		319 5 9
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Debtors:		
For *Gazettes*		138 8 9
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Dec. 31st.—To Cost of Printing and Publishing	433 5 9	
,, Cost of Blocks	21 14 4	
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,, Sundry Expenses (including Postage, Stationery, Audit Fee, etc.)	45 9 11	
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		524 9 5
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		£525 16 5

1919.	£ s. d.
Dec. 31st.—By Subscriptions and Donations ..	123 12 1
,, Donations	50 0 0
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MARRIAGE.

HERVEY-BATHURST—BAXENDALE.—On the 7th April, at the Private Chapel, Preshaw House, Maj. Bertrand Elwell Hervey-Bathurst, son of the late Col. Sir Frederick Hervey-Bathurst, Bart., and Lady Hervey-Bathurst, of Somborne Park, Stockbridge, to Dorothy Margaret, younger daughter of the late J. W. Baxendale and Mrs. Baxendale, of Preshaw House, Upham, Hants.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointments are made:—

GENERAL STAFF.

G.S.O., 2ND GRADE.—Bt. Maj. J. F. Chenevix Trench, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., and to be tempy. Maj. whilst so emplyd., from 4th Feby. to 27th July, 1919 (substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* of 7th July, 1919).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. R. M. R. Lamb, D.S.O., retires on ret. pay (dated 30th March).

W. GUARDS.—Maj. R. T. K. Auld, from North. Fusrs., to be Maj. (dated 31st March), but to rank for seniority from 10th July, 1916, with prec. next below Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. R. E. K. Leatham, D.S.O.

Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) C. G. Johnson, M.C., retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 1st April), and is granted rank of Maj.

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. C. L. H. Jones relinquishes actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 20th July, 1919).

Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., relinquishes actg. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 2nd July, 1919).

Capt. and Bt. Maj. J. Walsh, D.S.O., is seconded for service as an Adjt., T.F. (dated 23rd March).

Lieut. A. B. Surtees relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 6th March).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following resign their commissions:—

Lieut.-Col. A. W. Rickman, D.S.O., and retains rank of Lieut.-Col. with permission to wear prescribed uniform; Capt. H. H. Prideaux, D.S.O., M.C., and is granted rank of Maj.

Lieut. C. E. Oates, M.C., and retains the rank of Lieut.

Lieut. G. A. Lewis is placed on retired list on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 16th April).

Maj. C. P. Hawkes relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 12th July, 1919), resigns his commsn. (dated 22nd April), and retains the rank of Maj., with permission to wear the prescribed uniform.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—Lieut. E. L. Dobson relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 31st March), and retains rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. N. Powell to be Lieut. (dated 14th Feby.).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. Armstrong to be Lieut. (dated 27th Dec., 1918); 2nd-Lieut. J. Thompson to be Lieut. (dated 28th Feby.).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. D. Bennett is restored to the estbt. (dated 6th March).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. E. H. Macfayden to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919).

4th Batt.—Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., North. Fusrs., to be Adjt. (dated 30th March).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. H. Chapman is restored to estbt. (dated 23rd Feby.).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. C. Myers to be Lieut. (dated 14th Feby.); 2nd-Lieut. R. A. Summersby to be Lieut. (dated 28th Feby.).

5th Batt.—Capt. J. D. Butler, M.B.E., R. Muns. Fusrs., to be Adjt. (dated 17th March); 2nd-Lieut. W. S. Dodds to be Lieut. (dated 11th March).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. H. Chapman resigns his commsn. (dated 22nd April), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. J. Simpson to be Lieut. (dated 14th Feby.).

6th Batt.—Lieut. H. Waugh relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 22nd April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Lieut. J. H. Dunn, 6th Batt., relinquishes tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. in a Record Office (dated 27th Feby.).

7th Batt.—Lieut. W. H. Fisher resigns his commsn. (dated 9th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

7th Batt.—Maj. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., to be Adjt. (dated 27th March).

7th Batt.—Lieut. C. D. Williams relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 21st April).

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointment is made:—

G.S.O., 2ND GRADE.—Bt. Lieut.-Col. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., North. Fusrs. (dated 26th Feby.).

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SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

51st Batt.—Lieut. A. E. Veitch (4th Batt., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 28th Jany.); Lieut. A. E. Veitch (4th Batt., T.F.) to be Adjt., *vice* tempy. Lieut. J. W. Hunt (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) (dated 28th Jany.).

Tempy. Lieut. R. M. Jones relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. W. T. Lightly relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. H. Pawsey relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th March), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. W. H. Corner, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. W. Chapman to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut. C. Campbell relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th March), and retains the rank of Lieut. Tempy. Lieut. S. Pearson, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Mackenzie to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next below W. J. Laws; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Atkinson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next above J. D. Hetherington.

BEDF. AND HERTS. R.—51st Batt.—Tempy. Capt. G. White, M.C. (North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt.) (Lieut., North. Fusrs.), relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be 2nd-in-cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 3rd March).

Tempy. Capt. G. H. Parry relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st March), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. T. A. Anderson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st Jany.), and is granted rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. A. B. Walton relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 17th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. F. C. Mason relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 27th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. E. Fisher to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 16th March, 1919).

40th Batt.—The notifications regarding Lieut. G. C. Smithson, M.C. (23rd Batt. Lond. R., T.F.), in *Gazette* 2nd Jany. and 19th Feby. are cancelled. Lieut. G. C. Smithson, M.C. (23rd Batt. Lond. R., T.F.), to be Adjt. (dated 1st Aug., 1919, to 7th Aug., 1919); Lieut. G. C. Smithson, M.C. (23rd Batt. Lond. R., T.F.), to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 7th Aug., 1919, to 19th Feby.).

Tempy. Maj. E. Christophers, D.S.O., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th March), and retains the rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. F. Airey relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Griffith to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June, 1919), with precedence next below J. H. R. Davies; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. W. Scott relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st March), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. W. G. P. Donaghy relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Feby.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. Jenkins, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th Feby.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. F. Andrew relinquishes his commsn on completion of service (dated 26th Feby.), and retains rank of Lieut.

51st Batt.—Capt. C. D. Gilmour, M.C. (R. Highrs.), to be actg. Maj. while 2nd-in-cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 27th Jany. to 1st March).

Tempy. Lieut. A. L. Moore, to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a T.M. Batty., from 31st Dec., 1919, to 28th Feby.

Tempy. Lieut. A. B. Turner resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 1st April, 1918); tempy. Lieut. W. Boyd relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 1st April), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. P. N. Graham relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th Feby), and retains the rank of Capt.

40th Batt.—Lieut.-Col. A. J. D. Hay (3rd Batt. E. Surr. R., Spec. Res.) ceases to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 23rd Feby.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. B. E. Astbury to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby., 1919), with prec. next below H. Gray.

40th Batt.—Lieut. J. John (Brecknockshire Batt. S. Wales Bord., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 19th Feby.).

Tempy. Capt. M. J. Murray, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 20th Feby.), and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. W. P. Ahern, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 25th Feby.), and is granted rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. H. H. Neeves, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th May, 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.-Col.; tempy. Lieut. E. Mawston relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 26th Jany.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Maj. H. W. Gush, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th March), and is granted rank of Lieut.-Col.; tempy. Capt. G. A. MacPherson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 26th Feby.), and retains rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. A. Orange, M.C., M.M., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 18th Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Wright to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th Nov., 1918, with prec. next above J. H. Nicholson).

40th Batt.—Lieut. C. A. Clark, D.S.O., M.C. (E. Surr. R.), relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. with Serv. Batt. (dated 3rd March).

Tempy. Lieut. C. Logan, M.C., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 21st June, 1919) (substituted for *Gazette* notification 8th March, specifying date of relinquishment as 15th Feby., 1919); tempy. Lieut. H. D'O. Mantle relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 6th March), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut.-Col. A. C. de Trafford relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th March), and retains rank of Lieut.-Col.; tempy. Capt. F. W. Todd relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 20th April), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. E. G. Roy relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st March), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. L. Harden to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 7th Oct., 1918); tempy. Lieut. A. L. Harden relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Feby.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. L. Mould to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th Nov., 1918), with prec. next below E. C. Jones.

Tempy. Lieut. J. E. Common, M.C., to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 22nd Jany.).

Tempy. Maj. W. J. Leeming relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th March) and retains rank of Maj.

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

1st Garr. Batt.—Maj. W. H. Sowerby (6th Batt., T.F.) relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on vacating the cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 16th March).

3rd (Home Service) Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Capt. C. Jefferies relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 17th Dec., 1919), and retains the rank of Capt.

HONOURS.

The King has been pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for services in connection with the war, to be dated 1st January, 1920.

MEMBERS (M.B.E.)

Mrs. Geva Vereker Dashwood, Member of Executive Committee, Northumberland Prisoners of War Organization.

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Obituary.

LIEUT.-COL. J. CREAGH.

Lieut.-Col. John Creagh, who died on the 4th April last in his 84th year, was the son of the late Lieut.-

COL. CREAGH.
(From an old photo.)

Gen. Creagh. He joined the 1st Batt. of the FIFTH in April, 1854, and became a Lieutenant in January, 1856, and a Captain in December, 1860. In 1873 he was made a Brevet Major, as were a number of Line Captains then in order to safeguard their seniority which was threatened by the raising to the rank of Major of Royal Artillery Captains in command of Batteries, and he retired in 1881 with the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He had the reputation of being a very fine soldier and a smart Officer. In 1857 he was Adjutant of the 1st Battalion, a post he held during the greater part of the Mutiny. He was present at the actions of Mungarwar and Alumbagh, the first relief of Lucknow and subsequent actions, the siege of Lucknow, defence of the Alumbagh, capture of Lucknow and operations in Oude, including the action of Doondia Kera. He was mentioned in despatches in 1858 and was awarded a year's service for Lucknow and the medal with two clasps.

He also was mentioned in the Afghan War, 1878-1890, when he was Superintendent of Army Signalling to the Naimukt Expedition and A.Q.M.G. of the Khyber Line Force, and took part also in the first and second Bazar Valley Expeditions.

He possessed the Afghan Medal as well as the Mutiny Medal.

Lieut.-Col. Creagh was a Staff College man and most of his 27 years' service were spent away from the Regiment on Staff appointments. Until recently he was usually to be seen at the Junior United Services Club but bad health was his portion for the last one or two years and his end was the release from a long illness.

LIEUT.-COL. WILLIAM ORDE.
(3rd Battalion).

Lieut.-Col. William Orde, of Nunnykirk, died suddenly at Nunnykirk, Northumberland, on the 8th April. Col. Orde was gazetted a "Sub-Lieutenant" in the old Northumberland Light Infantry Militia on the 29th January, 1876. When he joined, the Regiment wore the Shako, collar badges with light

COL. ORDE.

infantry bugle and scroll and buff facings. In 1881 in conformity with Lord Cardwell's scheme of Army reorganisation the Regiment became the 3rd (Militia) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers. Lieut. Orde was promoted Captain in 1881 and Major in 1896. On the outbreak of the South African War in 1899 Maj. Orde was posted for duty at the Depôt and on the subsequent embodiment under Lieut.-Col. Lord Algernon Percy proceeded with the Battalion as junior Major to Portsmouth and later to Malta. On the 12th December, 1900, Maj. Orde commanded the Battalion when it Trooped the Colour on St.

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George's Square, Valletta, in the presence of Lord Grenfell, the Governor. In consequence of the death on the 13th January, 1901, of Lieut.-Col. Lord Lionel Cecil, Maj. Orde became Second-in-Command and continued as such until his retirement with the honorary rank of Lieut.-Colonel in 1906, when he was succeeded by Maj. R. J. Roddam. Col. Orde was an accomplished musician and his settings of many marches and orchestral pieces, notably of "Cappy" the regimental quick-step, are still in use in the Bands and Drums of most Battalions in the Regiment. His renderings at the piano of Tyneside and Border dialect songs were inimitable and will always be connected in the minds of those who heard them with the brave old days of the Battalion trainings at the Havens Camp and of the embodiment at Malta. Col. Orde always took the livest interest in the doings of his old Battalion and of the Regiment in general and up to 1914 was a regular attendant at the 3rd Battalion Regimental Dinner. A lovable personality and a fine type of the old County Militia Officer and country gentleman his death will be deeply regretted by all who were privileged to know him both in the Regiment and the county.

SGT. JAMES HARROP PARFITT.

We regret to have to record the death of Sgt. J. H. Parfitt, who died on the 30th March of influenza,

SGT. PARFITT.

at the age of 48. He was a true 5th Fusilier having been born in the 1st Battalion of the Regiment at Glasgow, his father being Col.-Sgt. Parfitt. Sgt. James Parfitt enlisted in 1886. He did most of his soldiering with the 2nd Battalion and on the Permanent Staff at Alnwick where for many years he was Orderly Room Sergeant. His father, his brother and Sgt. Parfitt himself all earned the distinction of the Good Conduct Medal. On leaving the Army Sgt. James Parfitt worked in Messrs. Armstrong and Whitworth's Naval Yard where he held a post as check weighman. His eldest son was killed on the Somme in July, 1916. He was laid to rest with full military honours, and to his widow and his five surviving children—all born in the Regiment—we tend our deepest sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

The present month has been for the most part uneventful. Hockey and Football have come to an end, and Cricket is just about to begin, so there is very little to say about the Games Club.

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Polo has been postponed till the end of the month as the ground is not yet in condition, but all the available animals have been tested for their capabilities or otherwise, and it is hoped to make something of a few of them.

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The Bordon Point to Point Meeting is being held on Monday, the 26th instant. Three horses have been entered by the Battalion for the Infantry Race, and their riders have been training them very strenuously. If one of them wins it is to be hoped that those who are fortunate enough to back it will not find that their bookie has disappeared leaving his board, as happened at the last Point to Point in the neighbourhood. Two of our Officers are still looking for that bookie and hope to meet him on Monday.

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The Transport have become the proud possessors of nineteen mules of all shapes and sizes. The largest stands about 17 hands; as far as one can judge, its chief hobbies are to try and scrape off its rider against telegraph posts and pine trees, which are distressingly plentiful in the neighbourhood of the stables, and to sit on its hindquarters in its stall, attempting to eat its head-collar. On one occasion when interfered with during the latter enjoyment, it laid low in one fell swoop the Transport Officer, Sergeant, Corporal and one man.

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The donkey refused to put in an appearance on St. George's Day although trappings had been specially made for her by the Master Tailor. There are still some traces in her manners of the contamination picked up among her late masters.

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At last the Side Drums have arrived emblazoned. They were nearly too late for St. George's Day, for the old artist suddenly died from heart failure, and his successor

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caught influenza, and neglected to keep unbroken the chain of responsibility by not handing over to his deputy.

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Lieut. T. Bennett, M.C., joined the Foreign Service Machine Gun Depôt, Shorncliffe, 10th April, 1920.

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Lieut. T. Sanderson, M.C., retired on retired pay (dated 2nd April).

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Tempy. Lieut. W. Boyd relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 1st April), and retains rank of Lieutenant.

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Arrivals and departures of N.C.O.'s during the month:—

No. 93836	Lce.-Sgt. R. Tunstall, dispersed	3/4/20
,, 99008	Lce.-Cpl. C. Hipkiss, posted ex 40th Bn.	7/4/20
,, 2814	Cpl. H. Wiles, posted from Depot	17/4/20
,, 96043	Lce.-Cpl. J. Welch, posted from Depot	17/4/20
,, 90242	Lce.-Cpl. G. Marshall, posted from Depot	17/4/20
,, 4898	C.S.M. C. Hone, dispersed	23/4/20

St. GEORGE'S DAY.

A spell of real April weather had made it seem likely that St. George's Day would be wet, and everyone watched the barometer very carefully for any signs of a steady rise. On the 22nd it rained hard and made No. 9 Recreation Ground on which the Colours were trooped somewhat slippery, but happily the day passed without a drop of rain.

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At about noon the local guests and many of the inhabitants of Bordon began to assemble; the special train arrived at 12.20 and motor buses brought the guests who had come by train to the Parade Ground, and by 12.30, when the Regimental Flag was broken, nearly a thousand people had assembled. Unfortunately the numbers of the Battalion only allowed of three Companies. Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., commanded the Escort, and the Colours were carried by Lieut. H. F. Attwater, 2nd-Lieut. H. G. B. Styran and Boy Whitlock.

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For the first time for many years the Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., was present and took the salute when the Battalion marched past in Column. Finally, when the Battalion advanced in Review Order, Gen. the Lord Rawlinson, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., G.O.C. Aldershot Command, took the salute, Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Maj.-Gen. Sir E. G. T. Bainbridge, K.C.B., G.O.C. Division, and Brig.-Gen. A. C. Daly, C.B., C.M.G., G.O.C. Brigade, being also at the saluting point.

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Those who know said that the Parade in spite of being in Service Dress instead of Review Order was up to Regimental form.

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After the Parade the Officers entertained their guests to lunch in three marquees which had been put up on the lawn in front of the Mess, and the Band and the Drums played a programme of music.

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Amongst those present were:—Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, Gen. the Lord Rawlinson and the Lady Rawlinson, Maj.-Gen. Sir Guy and Lady Bainbridge, Brig.-Gen., Mrs. and Miss Daly, Capt. and Miss Sant, Col. Sapte, Brig.-Gen. the Hon. C. and Mrs. Lambton, Col. Hart Dyke, Mrs. Orr, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Ainslie, Col. Somerville, Lieut.-Col. and Miss Heathcote, Maj.-Gen. and Lady Kathleen Brownlow, Maj. Isacke, Col. Girdwood, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Binny, Maj. and Mrs. Garnier, Maj. Platt, Capt. Cogan, Col. Rutledge, Capt. and Mrs. Bradford, Group Capt. and Mrs. Bonham Carter, Maj. and Mrs. B. T. St. John, Master Roger St. John, Col. R. Roundell, M.P., Mrs. Roundell, Maj. and Mrs. Booth, Maj. and Mrs. Dorman Smith, Lieut.-Col., Mrs. and Miss Beck, Lieut.-Col. Mackey, Mrs. H. C. Stephen, Lieut.-Col. The Hon. and Mrs. Gathorne Hardy, Maj. and Mrs. Buckley, Col. and Mrs. C. Wood, Maj. and Mrs. Ovans, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Hawkes, Maj. Lamb, Capt., Mrs. and Miss Rushbrook, Mr. M. Mort, Mrs. Harcourt Vernon, Lieut.-Col. and Miss Kergow, Lieut.-Col. Popham, Mr. T. Oakshott, Mrs. Shoubridge, Mr. and Mrs. Dent, Mr. and Mrs. E. Yatman, Lieut.-Col. and Miss Landen, Lieut.-Col. and Miss Fenwick, Col. and Mrs. Powell, Brig.-Gen. and Mrs. Jackson, Commander Hardman Jones, Mr. C. B. Carrick, Mr. Foy, Capt. and Mrs. Waddilove, Lieut.-Col. Simner, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Ingpen, Maj. Logan, Maj. Carruthers, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Crofton, Mrs. Shakerley and Master Fishbourne, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Buchanan, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. and Miss Perreau, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Clarke, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Brunskill, Rev. C. Ensell, and the Officers R.A., Bordon, R.E., Bordon, 3rd Batt. Royal Fusiliers, 1st Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers, 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers.

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On St. George's Day telegrams were received from the following:—2nd Batt., Depôt, Col. Heard, Col. and Mrs. Turner, Lieut.-Col. Ritson, Maj. Thornton, Col. Sturges, Col. Dashwood, Maj. Warwick, Lieut.-Col. Buckley, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Bett, Maj. Gibbes, Col. and Mrs. Money, Brig.-Gen. Festing, Maj. Carthew, Capt. Blackett Ord, Mr. Spaxman, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, Maj. H. G. Steele, Brig.-Gen. James, Brig.-Gen. Leach, Maj. Holderness, Lieut.-Col. Rickman, Lieut.-Col. Whitaker, Col. and Mrs. Enderby, Lieut.-Col. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Clifford, Brig.-Gen. Armstrong.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The following matches have been played during the month:—

Football.

Officers, 5th Fusiliers	2	Sergeants, 5th Fusiliers... ...	4
Sergts. ,, ,, ...	4	Corpls. ,, ,, ...	5
Sergts. ,, ,, ...	0	Corpls. ,, ,, ...	2

Hockey.

Sergts., 5th Fusiliers ...	3	Sergts., Royal Dublin Fusiliers	1

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Owing to the fact that everyone has been preparing for St. George's Day we have had very little time for social events.

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We were very pleased to see a few of our old friends again on St. George's Day. Mr. Ford (late Drum-Major, 1st Battalion), Sgt.-Maj. McKim (fatter than ever), Mr. W. Fuller, Mr. J. Seed and many others.

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The Ball was a great success and every credit is due to C.S.M. Graham and his hard working Committee for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of everyone. The Band, under Bandmaster Windram, gave a high class programme and the dancing, which was kept up until the "wee sma' hours," was thoroughly enjoyable. One of the features of the Ball were the two drummers in pre-war uniform and busbies. They were very much admired by the visitors.

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Many old faces were missed but we shall be pleased to see them at any time. We also think of those who attended their last St. George's Ball before the war.

OFFICERS' MESS, MOSUL.

MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
12th March, 1920.

The past month has been uneventful. When the last notes were written we were all stagnant with cold of a severity not experienced here within the memory of any but the oldest inhabitant. Now we are being thawed out to the tune of 65 degrees in the shade occasionally sailing up beyond 70 degrees at mid-day. The country is beginning to show traces of green, and cardigans may be very unsafely doffed for an hour or two during the heat of the day.

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Helmets are once more fashionable especially between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. (old style). Indeed, they are what may be called "*de rigeur*" because, to be out of the fashion in this little matter entails, in addition to the chances of sunstroke, a penalty of C.B. or such less punishment as is in the Act mentioned. It is a "Hookum."

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Shooting is at an end. A list of game, most of which one has only read of in books, has been published showing with great precision which may or may not be molested, aimed at, captured or slain between now and some future period. Even without the announcement of the Close Season the recent lack of success of the various shooting parties would have brought this sport to a natural close. Plenty of game has been reported but invariably at a distance of from 30 to 50 miles which is very exciting, but, as we have no means of reaching the places, of little practical value.

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A select party proceeded (why do we always "proceed" in the Army? It would be much nicer just to GO) to inspect the Ruins of Ancient Nineveh and the remains of the various Royal Palaces of the Assyrian Kings. The party was conducted by the Rev. C. Carter (Chaplain), whose enthusiasm for this muddy business knows no bounds. During this inspection, while the party was groping about in a tunnel many feet underground, striking matches to lighten the darkness, the Ghost of Sennacherib (706-681 B.C.—see handbooks) appeared to Maj. H. C. Stephen who was one of the party.

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Quickly applying the principles of war, in face of this superior force and in order to retain power of manœuvre, he beat a hasty retreat so as to take up a more favourable strategical position elsewhere.

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Two hours later the party, having returned, found him eating oranges in a place remote from "Spooks."

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The henhouse which has been under construction for nearly a month is now finished. It stands as a monument almost as solid as the ancient city referred to above, of the energy and determination of three distinguished Officers. The hens are now in occupation and commenced at once to make a substantial return for the trouble taken to provide for their welfare. Beginning with three small eggs on the first morning after the official opening, they have steadily increased their output.

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Previous to the hens being moved from the Transport Lines to their new home they yielded an average of two eggs per month. Their present average is six per day and the growing emaciation of the transport men is causing alarm.

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At the time of writing the Baghdad Anniversary Week is being held and the Battalion is represented in several of the events.

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The Mosul troops held preliminary trials on the 21st February and the following days, when the representatives of the 18th Division were selected.

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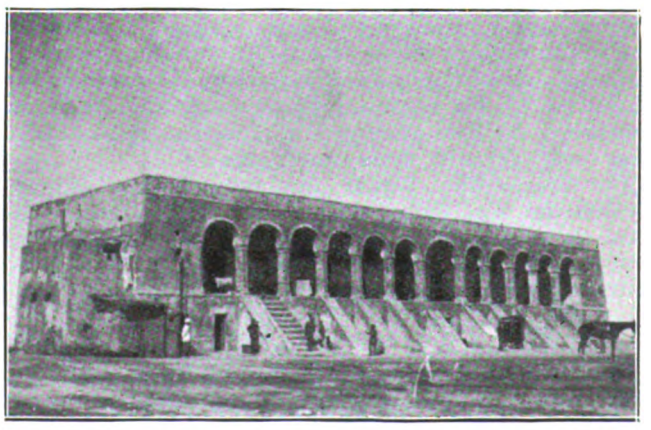

OFFICERS' MESS AND QUARTERS, MOSUL.

contest between ourselves and the 44th Battery R.F.A. The R.F.A. won the Hurdles, Long and High Jumps, and

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the Tug-of-War. We won the 100 Yards and Quarter Mile (Sgt. Fitzgerald), and the Half Mile and Mile (Dmr. Kirkup). Owing to there being no other entry we also sent a Relay Team of eight (220 yds. each) to Baiji for the Eliminating Trials.

MOSUL: LEANING MINARET, CHURCH OF THE 40 MARTYRS.

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The trials for the teams to represent the Division at football were very exciting. The 44th Batty. R.F.A. having drawn a bye we played the M.G.C. (which incidentally included some of our own best players who are attached to the M.G.C.). The match was played on the 22nd February and ended in a draw of one goal all after ten minutes extra play each way, after a very hard game.

Our Team:—Pte. Gordon, B Coy (*goal*); Pte. Phipps, D Coy., Lce.-Cpl. Swain, A Coy. (*backs*); Pte. Crowdy, A Coy., Cpl. Young, B Coy., Pte. Gordon, D Coy. (*half-backs*); Lce.-Cpl. Evans, B Coy., Cpl. McBeth, D Coy., Dmr. Bennett, C Coy., Lce.-Cpl. Green, A Coy., Pte. Ryder, A Coy. (*forwards*).

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The game was replayed on the 23rd on the ground of the 39th Gharwal Rifles. For this match the team underwent some slight alterations; Ptes. Crowdy and Ryder dropped out, Pte. Gordon, D Coy., went to right-half, Sgt. Griffiths, D Coy., left-half. Lieut. Clive Smith played outside left. After a very hard and exciting game the result remained a draw after an extra 15 minutes each way—one goal each. The match was again replayed the same afternoon and some changes again made, notably Lieut. Brown to centre-half, C.S.M. Capstaff right-half, and Lce.-Cpl. Beatty, A Coy., inside-right. We won by 1 goal to *nil* a well deserved victory.

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On the following morning, 24th February, we played the 44th Batty. R.F.A. Unfortunately our team was exhausted after the strenuous games in quick succession and we lost by 1 goal to *nil*, but not till after it had been necessary to play extra time. C.S.M. Hiorns was included in the forward line but was suffering from a sprain which had prevented him from taking part in the preceding games.

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The Platoon League Matches continue with unabated fury in spite of the fact that the heat is intense in the afternoons. The Officer in charge of games says this doesn't matter as he used to play a game at football and two at hockey on the same day at Mhow when the temperature was 120 in the shade. No. 1 Platoon is leading in Football and No. 11 in Hockey.

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Our Boxing team at Baghdad has sent us news that Lieut. Brown won his first fight (Officers' Welters) but was beaten on points in the second round.

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Pte. Robinson, D Coy., is in the semi-final of the Light-weights. Pte. Holroyd, D Coy., is in the semi-final of the Feather-Weights. No further results are to hand.

STREET SCENE, MOSUL: ENTRANCE TO THE BAZAAR.

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3RD BATTALION NOTES.

22nd April, 1920.

The Battalion is the poorer by the resignation of Lieut.-Col. Rickman, D.S.O., which has been recently gazetted. Col. Rickman came to us in 1903, succeeding Maj. G. F. T. Leather as Adjutant. He has previously done distinguished service in South Africa on the Staff of Gen. Clements. He continued as Adjutant up to 1908 when he went to the 2nd Battalion, but returned to the 3rd soon after and took over command of C Coy. In 1914 he was mobilized with the Battalion and promoted Major in October of that year leaving us, however, in February, 1915, to command a Service Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment. The Regiment saw no more of him during the war in which he served with much distinction, being mentioned in despatches and winning the D.S.O. and Bar.

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The death of Lieut.-Col. W. Orde removes one of the last links with the Old Northumberland Light Infantry Militia. Col. Orde was gazetted a 2nd-Lieutenant in the old Regiment in 1876 and resigned in 1906, his service covering a period of 30 years. A keen soldier, a fine sportsman and a born musician he did much for the Regiment in all those capacities during his long service. His setting of "Cappy," our old 3rd Battalion march, is still in use in the Bands and Drums of all the Battalions and his services at the piano in the Officers' Mess in the old days and his inexhaustible store of Tyneside and Border dialect songs will never be forgotten by those who were privileged to hear them.

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Congratulations on their marriages are due to Maj. B. E. Hervey-Bathurst, who was married on the 7th April, at Preshaw, to Miss Dorothy Margaret Baxendale, and to Maj. The Hon. W. H. Littleton, who was married at St. Peter's Church, Eaton Square, on the 19th April, to Miss Lilian Davies.

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The 3rd Battalion was represented at Bordon at the St. George's Day celebrations with the 1st Battalion by Col. R. F. Roundell, M.P., Lieut.-Col. C. P. Hawkes, Capts. M. Mort, C. B. Carrick, M.C., and G. Darley-Waddilove, M.B.E., and Lieut. W. H. Foy. Maj. Maxwell-Lyte attended the dinner of the Royal Society of St. George, presided over by Mr. Rudyard Kipling, at the Connaught Rooms in the evening.

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DEPOT NOTES.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
24th April, 1920.

Our Business Editor having taken to his bed with the prevailing complaint of influenza, the lot has fallen on a substitute at a moment's notice, so that if these notes are inadequate he apologises.

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Undeterred by the varying hurricanes which blow here we have managed to enjoy recreations extending from Steeplechases and Point to Point meetings to hunting the uncertain rat in certain drains. In connection with the former we congratulate the Adjutant of the 68th on his fine win at Rothbury.

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A detail of the football and hockey matches are published separately.

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Lieut. W. Watson, M.C., has taken up his duties as Assistant Recruiting Officer, but still remains here, and Lieut. C. E. Hamilton has been posted for a tour of duty with the West African Regiment at Freetown, Sierra Leone.

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A monster piece of ordnance has arrived in the form of a German howitzer. Successive efforts to pull it up from the Station by a string, or a handcart and finally in a dray having failed, it sailed majestically into Barracks on the 26th April towed by a traction engine, to its anchorage and it is now moored to two ex-beer barrels on the Barrack Square and aims its defaced muzzle at the Orderly Room of the 68th. It has been badly damaged by British shell, but has also had its nose blown off by its former masters.

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A small daguerro-type of the late Gen. Guy, 5th Foot, has been presented to the Regiment by Miss E. Gower, a grand-daughter of Capt. John Bent, who served in the 5th Foot at the same time. The picture has been forwarded to the 1st Battalion, with which Gen. (then Major and Lieut.-Colonel) Guy served from 1824 to 1854.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT THE DEPOT.

We were blessed with a fine day, sandwiched in between two vile ones. The account of the proceedings in *The Newcastle Journal*, which is appended, gives a good seriatim account of the order of the day. It was found at the last moment that there were a shortage of roses for the Drums, but a supply was forthcoming from a local shop, which though anæmic in appearance, displayed all the spirit of their redder brethren. The Band played "in public" for the first time. There were over 20 performers who played right up to form. We have gratefully to acknowledge the help of the musicians of the 68th. The Slow Troop was played while the Lord Mayor was presenting medals to the Cadets, the march "Grande Duchesse" to which the Drummers' Colour is marched on to parade was played as the troops left the Monument for the Cathedral, and "Cappy" was struck up as we left the Cathedral for Barracks. A most enjoyable dance was given by the members of the Sergeants' Mess, in the Gymnasium, at which it was pleasant to meet several old Fusiliers. It is reported on good authority that several dancers only broke off owing to the urgency of the Commanding Officer's call for Orderly Room on the 24th.

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Telegrams were received from:—Gens. Armstrong and Festing, Col. and Mrs. Turner, Cols. Heard, Gordon, Dashwood, W. H. Ritson and Sturgess, Majs. Thornton, Auld, Forsyth, Gibbes and St. John, and Capt. Blackett-Ord,

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also from the 1st and 2nd Battalions and from the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th (T.F.) Battalions.

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The following W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s joined during the month:—

No. 3338	Sgt. W. Sanderson, from P. of W. Camp ..	7/4/20
,, 9891	C.Q.M.S. G. H. Woods, from Records	1/4/20
,, 6452	C.S.M. T. E. Thompson, from 39th Battalion ..	17/4/20
,, 3773	Sgt. F. Bloxham, from Hospital	16/4/20
,, 899	C.S.M. G. S. Groves, from 39th Battalion ..	19/4/20
,, 3929	C.Q.M.S. J. W. Grimes, from 39th Battalion ..	22/4/20

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Departures:—

No. 3590	Sgt. W. Adams, discharged from Service ..	19/4/20
,, 1262	Cpl. J. D. Devine, discharged from Service ..	15/4/20
,, 3929	C.Q.M.S. J. W. Grimes, discharged from Service	28/4/20

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We also regret that No. 2525 Sgt.-Tailor A. Ireland, after his long tour of duty with the FIFTH, has been posted to the East Lancs. Regiment and proceeded to Buttevant, Ireland, on the 26th instant to take up his duties with that Unit. We wish him the best of luck in his new Unit and hope that he will be able to visit the Regiment again when opportunity occurs.

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Mr. Rowden left us at the end of March, and we wish him good luck in his new surroundings. We were glad to see him on St. George's Day. Mr. Dawson (late Corporal, 5th Fusiliers) has taken his place as Mobilization Storeman.

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During the month we have played the following hockey matches:—

5th *v.* 68th, on the 8th inst.—Result, lost 1—3.
,, on the 16th inst.—Result, won 3—1.
,, on the 21st inst.—Result, draw 2—2.
5th *v.* 502 Batty. R.F.A., on the 26th inst.—Result, draw 0—0.

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On the 7th we played our return football match with Bedlington Wednesday and again we won by the odd goal in three.

From *The Newcastle Journal*, 24th inst.:—

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY IN NEWCASTLE.

WREATHS ON WAR MEMORIAL.

It is fitting that Newcastle should observe with all due ceremony the feast day of St. George, the Patron Saint of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and yesterday's celebration, although not so numerously attended as others in past years, lost none of its sincerity and impressiveness.

First, honour was done to the memory of fallen comrades, when wreaths were placed on the plinth of the Barras Bridge War Memorial, around which were assembled troops from the Northumberland Fusiliers Depôt, representatives of the Tyneside Scottish, Tyneside Irish, the 16th Battalion, and two Companies of the 1st Cadet Battalion—Allan's School Cadet Unit, commanded by Lieut.-Col. F. W. Brewer, O.B.E., and the West End Company, in charge of Lieut. W. G. Baty.

AT THE MEMORIAL.

At the foot of the memorial stood the Lord Mayor of Newcastle (Mr. Walter Lee) and the Sheriff (Mr. R. Mayne) in their robes of office, attended by the sword and mace bearers. All the khaki-clad figures, as well as many civilians, wore red and white roses—the symbols of courage and honour—and there was a large crowd of sympathetic citizens, who had gathered to pay their tribute to the memory of the gallant men who had laid down their lives.

Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., who was in command, called the parade to attention, and with due solemnity wreaths dedicated to the memory of the fallen in the Tyneside Scottish, Tyneside Irish, the 5th, 6th and 16th Batts. Northumberland Fusiliers, and the Elswick Battery, together with a floral tribute from the Lord Mayor, Sheriff and Corporation of Newcastle, were placed in position. Then, as the mournful notes of the "Last Post" broke upon the silent air, the Cadets presented arms, Officers stood at the salute, and the assembled populace reverently uncovered their heads. It was an imposing spectacle.

LUCAS-TOOTH MEDALS PRESENTED.

The Lord Mayor presented the Lucas-Tooth Medals to the West End Cadet Company, cordially shaking each recipient by the hand. Those who received medals were Lieut. W. G. Baty, C.S.M. Crozier, C.Q.M.S. Orton, Sgts. Woodley, Lea, Erskine and Ross; Cpls. Potts, Hamilton, Thompson and Davison; Lce.-Cpls. Wiggins, Little, Muras, Winskill and Howland; and Cadets Rutter, McGill, Henderson, Peacock, Townsend, Corn, Wilson, Forster, Little, Barton, Grass, Dobson, Turner, Jennerson, Purvis, McDonald, Pentry, Ferguson, Nicholson and Pattison.

Amongst those present at the War Memorial Service were the Lady Mayoress, Miss Doris Lee, Alderman Sir John Fitzgerald, D.L., the Under-Sheriff (Mr. J. H. Youll), the Town Clerk (Mr. A. M. Oliver), Lady Wilkinson, Mrs. B. Cruddas, Capt. A. C. Milne-Home, Mrs. Milne-Home, Col. A. Irwin, D.S.O., Col. H. S. Bell, C.M.G., D.S.O., T.D., Col. N. L. Parmeter, R.F.A., Maj. R. Temperley, D.L., T.D., Maj. P. P. Phillips, Maj. Rogers, Maj. Lovibond, Maj. Holderness, Capt. Napier (representing the Territorial Force Association), Dr. Lusk, D.C.M.S. (Ministry of Pensions, late Medical Officer, 3rd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers), and Dr. McFarlane (1st Northumbrian Field Ambulance).

Representing the Tyneside Scottish were the Hon. Col. Sir Thomas Oliver, Col. Charlton, Capt. Lambert, Capt. Curry, Capt. Lock, Capt. Matthew and Lieut. Beaumont. From the Tyneside Irish were Hon. Col. Sir Charles Parsons, Hon. Col. Sir Johnstone Wallace, Capt. G. Swinburne, M.C., and several other Officers and men. The Officers present from the 16th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers were Col. W. Ritson, D.S.O., Maj. A. A. Johnson and Capt. R. H. Worthington, M.C.

After the ceremony the Lord Mayor took the salute, and to the lively strains of "The British Grenadiers"—the Regimental March—the troops marched away en route for St. Nicholas Cathedral, where an impressive service was held.

The service was largely attended, amongst those present being Maj.-Gen. Sir R. A. Kerr Montgomery, Hon. Col. Sir Thomas Oliver, Hon. Col. Sir Johnstone Wallace, Col. W. H. Ritson, Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., Adjt. and Capt.

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A. C. Milne-Home, M.C., Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut. W. Watson, M.C., and Lieut. C. E. Hamilton. The clergymen who took part in the service were the Archdeacon of Northumberland (Canon Blackett-Orde), Canon Kempson, the Rev. J. J. Pigg, and the Rev. St. John Beverley Groser, M.C. Miss B. Wilkinson, A.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

Social Functions.

Luncheon was afterwards partaken of at Fenham Barracks, the guests including the Lord Mayor, Sheriff, Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., Maj. E. Wilkinson, M.C., and Maj. G. C. Holderness. At dinner, last night, Maj. Brereton, D.S.O., and Officers of the Durham Light Infantry Regimental Depôt were entertained, and there were also present Maj. Holderness and Lieut.-Col. Bett (Commanding the Corps of Commissionaires). Another function which proved eminently successful was the re-union and dinner of the Officers of the 15th (2nd Reserve) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, held last night in the Turks Head Hotel, Newcastle.

The day was observed as a holiday by the men at the Depôt, who enjoyed a special dinner to celebrate the occassion. In the evening the Sergeants held their annual Ball in St. George's Drill Hall, and an enjoyable time was similarly spent by past and present members of the 5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers in the Drill Hall at Walker.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

"St. George's Day" was the event of the month and so we shall have scarcely anything else to report on.

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In the morning we paraded and were led by the Depôt Band, under Sgt.-Dmr. Slater, to the War Memorial, where a wreath was laid in memory of those who had fallen, thence to the Cathedral for a short service and to place wreaths on the old Colours. After the service we returned direct to Barracks and on leaving the Cathedral the recruits were given the opportunity of seeing the old Colours.

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In the evening we had a dance in the Gymnasium and all voted it a great success; lots of old Fusiliers turned up.

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During the evening I was given the hint that a list of them would fill up a little corner in the *Gazette*, that was providing we could get someone to remember them all, so here goes for a few. Amongst the old Officers we were pleased to see Lieut.-Col. J. Bett, Maj. G. C. Holderness, Maj. and Mrs. P. Challons, Capt. W. Smith, Lieut. and Mrs. E. M. Watts, and Lieut. and Mrs. Weaterton. Amongst the W.O.'s and Sergeants we found "Jimmy" Tindale, "Bill" Beecham, "Tommy" and Mrs. Eltringham, "Jimmy" and Mrs. Curran, "Dick" and Mrs. Richardson, "Digger" and Mrs. Stanley, "Paddy" and Mrs. Haynes, "Bert" and Mrs. Rowden, "Nobby" Clark, "Billy" Banks, "Jacky" Haddon, "Paddy" Wardle, "Alf" Hill, "Bill" Kennett, "Bill" Munt, "Cock" Henry, "Phil" and Mrs. Phillipson, Mr. Mawson, Fulton, "Nappy" Banks, Worth and Bourke, C.S.M. Earl, of the P.T. Staff, and "Jim" Balding. Amongst some of the old lady friends we were pleased to see Mrs. "Badgy" Smith, Mrs. Molyneux, Mrs. Easthope and Mrs. Purcell.

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Of course we had lots to say to one another but God was good and we were allowed until 4 a.m. to say it. But for all that talking it did not stop the dancing. The Band, as on the last occasion, under Sgt.-Dmr. Slater, was excellent and are to be congratulated on the programme rendered, actually receiving on one occasion a second encore. The whole of the arrangements were in the hands of C.S.M. Guteridge and his Committee consisting of C.S.M.'s Prophet, Watson, C.Q.M.S. Redhead, Sgts. Marrs and Featherstone, to whom our thanks are due for a most successful and pleasant evening.

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During the day we received telegrams from the 1st, 2nd and 6th Battalions, "Jack" Fenton, "Bill" Corrigham and "Bob" Williamson.

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The Games Tournament is not yet finished, but who is the member of the Mess who "is looking for Gold Fishes?"

Editorial Notes.

The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
Near Wallingford,
30th April, 1920.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1918 and 1919.

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We are glad to say that the bound volumes for 1919 are at last to hand from the binders and can be obtained on payment of 10/-.

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We beg to draw the attention of all past and present members of the Regiment, particularly those who served in the Territorial Battalions, to the fact that two old Officers, Messrs. Oswald and Fentum, have set up in business as china, glass and bric-à-brac merchants at 6, Royal Opera Arcade, Pall Mall, London, S.W. 1. Apart from a natural desire to support old members of the Regiment, which we feel sure will be shared by our readers, we can assure them, from our personal inspection, that a visit to Messrs. Oswald and Fentum's premises will repay anyone in anxious search, for instance, for such a thing as a useful wedding present.

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St. George's Day, 1920, is past, but to those who were privileged to be present at Bordon on that day its memory will cling for many years. In the minds of many of us those memories will mingle with memories of the "troop" which took place at Portsmouth in 1914. However strong the desire to banish the past from our minds and to set our faces upon the present and beyond it to the future, the very contrast between the drab uniform of to-day and the

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bright scarlet of 1914, at once shattered our determination and recalled to our minds the memories of those who were present then but have since laid down their lives. They were absent in body but one felt that their spirits were watching the repetition of the well loved ceremony.

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Gone was the scarlet, gone was the Drum-Major's plume, gone were the busbies. Attenuated were the ranks and short in service were those who filled them. But the movements were as steady and the drill as well carried out as it has always been, which showed that the leaven of old hands still serving are handing on to the new lads the old traditions and the *esprit de corps* which have stood by the Regiment for hundreds of years.

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Altogether it was a wonderful day, and we came away (far earlier than we desired to, for Bordon, alas! is not situated on the hub of the universe) filled with gratitude to our hosts and to the sun which so kindly shone upon their endeavours.

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We received telegrams on St. George's Day from the 2nd Battalion and 5th Battalion.

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Letter to the Editor.

56, Maples Street,
Nottingham,
24th April, 1920.

To the Editor, *St. George's Gazette*,

Dear Sir,

The enclosed cutting is taken from *The Nottingham Daily Guardian* of to-day's date, and I am sending it along to you as I thought it would be of interest to the readers of our old Regimental *Gazette*.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely,
A. Chapman,
Late Sergeant, N.F.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE TOGETHER.

Re-Union Dinner of Former Fusiliers.

Twelve months ago an Association was formed in Nottingham by a number of local men who served with the Northumberland Fusiliers during the war and the membership is steadily increasing.

Last evening they held their first re-union dinner at the Peacock Hotel, Mansfield Road, Capt. G. G. Cooper, President of the Association, presiding. Following dinner an enjoyable impromptu concert was given.

Capt. Cooper expressed his pleasure at seeing such a representative gathering, and referred to the splendid spirit of comradeship which prevailed between Officers and men during the time the Regiment was on active service.

From "*The Times*," *St. George's Day, 1920*:—

St. GEORGE'S REGIMENT.

The Northumberland Fusiliers.

(From a Correspondent.)

St. George's Day is the Regimental festival of one of the oldest and most distinguished regiments of the Army, the Northumberland Fusiliers, the old 5th Foot, whose Patron Saint is St. George and whose Regimental Badge represents the hero in the act of dispatching the dragon.

All ranks wear red and white roses in their head dresses from dawn until midnight, and the festivities include the ceremony of Trooping the Colours, a luncheon given by the Officers, and in the evening that time-honoured institution the Sergeants' Ball. The parade for Trooping the Colours is distinguished by the appearance of the famous third, or "drummer's" colour, carried by the smallest drummer boy, in commemoration of the capture by the Regiment of their Colours from the French Grenadiers at the battle of Wilhelmstal in 1762, when the fifth won the distinction of being allowed to wear grenadier caps of fur, and Prince Ferdinand of Hanover, the Commander of the Allies, presented the Officers with a tortoise shell snuff box, still preserved in the Mess of the 1st Battalion.

The history of the Regiment dates back to 1674, when it was formed of Irishmen in the service of the Prince of Orange and commanded by Lord Clare; its second Colonel, however, being a Northumbrian, Sir John Fenwick, of Fenwick. It passed into the English Service when the Dutch Prince became William III. of England, and since then has served with honour and renown under every great British commander from Granby to Haig. Its connection with the county dates from 1768, when Hugh, Earl Percy, afterwards second Duke of Northumberland, became its Commanding Officer and remained in command for 16 years. In 1836 its title was altered to "the 5th or Northumberland Fusiliers." In these days of feminine progress and prowess it is interesting to note that in the 18th century a woman, Phœbe Hessall, fought for years as a private soldier in the ranks of the fifth, married after she left the Colours, and died peacefully at Brighton, where her tomb may still be seen.

From 1914 to 1918 over 50 Battalions of the Regiment were on service in the Great War in various parts of the world, and four St. George's Days were spent by most of them in the field, where red and white roses were hard to

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1914 (AND WE HOPE 1921).

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come by, even in Picardy. On one occasion a raid on the enemy's trenches was brought off by one of the Service Battalions the night before St. George's Day, and the astonished Hun awoke at dawn to find his wire decorated with the regimental emblems. The 2nd Battalion, in Macedonia, found it difficult to procure its roses in 1917, but the Mother Superior of a convent near to which the Battalion was in billets came to the rescue, and Officers and men appeared on the great day duly decorated with natural blooms from the good sisters' garden. The regimental spirit shown by such customs is very strong, and old Fusiliers all over the world and in every walk of life may be distinguished to-day by their proud display of the red and white roses; a sign of their affectionate pride in a Regiment which has been celebrated for so long in the annals of the British Army as "The Fighting Fifth" and "The Old and Bold."

To-day the celebrations will be duly carried out by the 1st Battalion at Bordon and the 2nd Battalion in Mesopotamia. The 3rd Battalion, the old "Northumberland Buffs," the County Militia, is at present disembodied, and the Territorial Battalions are being reorganised as Units of the Territorial Army under Mr. Churchill's scheme with every prospect of success; for "Geordie" the pitman, whatever his views as to nationalisation may be, is a bonnie fighter and proud of his County Regiment, in which so many thousand miners have fought since 1914, with glory to themselves and their country.

COLONELS OF THE REGIMENT.

Sir John Fenwick—1645-1697.

Sir John Fenwick, 3rd Baronet of Fenwick and Wallington in Northumberland, was the first Colonel to Command the Regiment, on its becoming an English Regiment in 1675. In August of this year Lord Clare's late Regiment was ordered to winter in Utrecht, and Fenwick was given command. It was known as "Fenwick's Regiment" and took rank as the first English Regiment at the Hague. The drummers beat the English March, and tradition says that for badge they wore the St. George and Dragon.

Fenwick introduced an English element and possibly a stricter discipline. He fought with his Regiment at the seige of Maestricht where, being eldest Colonel, he commanded the English Brigade. He, like his men, fought with great gallantry, himself being wounded and his headquarters destroyed by cannon. His command must have been a very difficult one and he was not the man to make things easier. One of his Officers complained that "he could not possibly stay on in the Regiment with Fenwick and Wisely," while the Prince himself said that "Sir John had spoken to him at times in such a manner that had he been a private person he would have cut his throat." The Restoration Englishman was not capable of estimating the good qualities of Dutch William, and the Stadtholder had to pay a heavy price for English aid. He was probably somewhat relieved when Sir John returned to England after a year's service.

Sir John's fortunes soared with the last of the Stewarts, he was appointed a Lieutenant and Lieut.-Colonel of the 2nd Life Guards, and Brigadier-General over all the Militia in Northumberland and Durham, under the Duke of Newcastle and the Lord Bishop of Durham; he was very splendid in these days and the great estates in Northumberland dwindled and shrank. As Brigadier on the Staff he attended the great Camp at Hounslow Heath in 1687; there were already many straws to show the way the wind was blowing, but Fenwick would not desert his king. In November he succeeded the Earl of Plymouth as Colonel of a Regiment of Horse.

In October, 1692, he was implicated in a Jacobite riot at Drury Lane, and in 1695 a warrant was out for his arrest as being party to the Assassination Plot.

For more than a year he evaded capture, but at last they took him as he lay in a house near Slyford Mill on

SIR JOHN FENWICK, BART.

(From the collection of Alfred Brewis, Esq.)

the Stoke D'Abernon road. He still hoped that a trial would prove abortive, two witnesses were necessary, and one of the two supœaned had been persuaded to abscond.

The efforts of his family failed. A Bill of Attainder was brought in, the Bill went to the Lords, and finally passed with a decreasing majority, and Sir John was condemned as a traitor. On the 28th January, 1697, a scaffold was erected on Tower Hill, and hung with black. There was all the ceremonial accorded to a Peer. Sir John drove in his brother-in-law's coach, surrounded by a troop of Life Guards. The weather was cold and stormy but a crowd of people came out to see the end; they were perhaps disappointed for Burnet wrote:

"He died very composed, in a much better temper than was to be expected, for his life had been very irregular."

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LORRY-JUMPING.

An art! Lorry jumping is practised by all who are not in the position of being able to demand a car. Padres are the chief exponents, but Officers and men of all grades have been known to do it.

The procedure is simple. You want to get to Longbillville. Practice and the interchange of notes of experiences have provided the jumpers with a new sense. They divine the lorry routes. Watch a padre who is going to Longbillville. His stare becomes fixed as he walks to the nearest point on the routes. If it be a busy time, and he knows if it will be so, he waits; if it is likely to be a slack period, he sets off to walk towards Longbillville. But he has no intention of walking all the way. A lorry lumbers up and scares two horses which nearly unship their riders. But this incident receives no recognition from the Padre.

He fixes his hypnotic gaze on the driver: "Longbillville?"

"No, sir, Foufflin-le-Petit" (that is how it is spelt, but not how it is pronounced by the driver).

"Good," and the Padre leaps up. He is worth following.

The novice jumps up behind and sits amongst the—well, the usual lumpy, multi-cornered, smelly, oozy things in a lorry. He watches the padre through the little pigeon-hole behind the driver.

Foufflin—etc., is about a third of the way to Longbillville, and off the direct road. But the Padre has no intention whatever of going to Foufflin. Knowledge of the geography of the countryside is a necessary adjunct to the art of lorry-jumping. As soon as the lorry begins to turn down a bye-road, off jumps the Padre, the novice behind, stained and clumsy, falling off quickly afterwards. Eyes fixed ahead, like a hound on the trail, the Padre begins to walk on.

But he senses the sound of a automobile behind. The novice looks round in anticipation.

"Ambulance. *Na poo,*" says the Padre, without looking round. *He* knows.

"Flying Corps tender. Doubtful," he mutters in a short while. The novice hails the tender, but the car swirls by, heedless.

"Thought so," grunts the knowing one.

"Staff car,"——a few moments later.

A lordly R.A.S.C. driver in a luxurious car, hums sweetly by, oblivious of the two pedestrians.

"Box car," judges the Padre. Then, as an after thought—"heavily loaded."

After a walk of nearly a mile, they again get a lorry and so to Longbillville.

It is an art; and once only have I found a Padre at fault. He was late in returning, and I was anxiously waiting for him, being out of cigarettes.

"Walked all the way home," said he. "Can't understand it. All lorries going the opposite way."

I expressed sympathy between the delicious puffs. Three days later the reason was clear in a Routine Order.

"From the 21st instant the road —— to —— will be used as a one-way route only."

The 21st was the day the Padre got my cigarettes!

"PICK AND RIFLE."

"HECTOR."

(BY T.S.)

I call him Hector. Not because I believe that that was his name, in fact so far as I remember he never possessed a name of his very own. His amiability combined with an inordinate greed, caused him to answer with alacrity to any name that the inventive faculty of the British Officer provided for him, in the hopes of receiving as reward more sustenance with which to swell still further an already over-dilated paunch. As I have stated, however, my choice of nomenclature for him was Hector, which is a name indicating one of male species, and in a dog (to which branch of an animal this Hector belonged), one of a size containing in cubic capacity, as compared in a canine table of weights and measures, 30½ Pekes, Poms or Yorkshires. His breed, a familiar one to most globe trotters, is indigenous to the Island of Malta, and is known as "A Maltese Bulldog."

Hector's private residence or place of business, or perhaps it was a combination of these, was the Officers' Bathing Club, at Malta. It was here at any rate that he spent his day dreaming of food, partaking of food, and ruminating upon food. To indulge in the first and third of these occupations Hector used to take up a position at full length upon the edge of the pool in which H.M. Officers used to disport themselves. His sole recreation and exercise was an aquatic one and consisted in a hopeless though exciting pursuit in the water of the water polo ball—hopeless because he *never* succeeded in getting his teeth into the wet, slippery, elusive sides of the ball—exciting because he believed *every* time he reached his prey, that success would crown the vicious snap with which his jaws would close upon a mouthful of salt water!!

One afternoon when Hector had reached the ruminating stage, and had, in fact, in common with the two or three human beings who were visible at all, closed his eyes for a brief siesta, the surface of the oily calm water was broken in the near distance by the swimming figure of a man. This turned out to be on close inspection none other than that most popular Officer, Maj. N——, more commonly known as Bill the Bruiser, or Tarsan of the Apes, on account both of his prowess in the ring, and his colossal build. His Simian synonym was perhaps not quite as accurate as it might have been. True his chest stretched the tape to forty-umpteen or thereabouts but whereas the true Simian figure does not protrude unduly in the hinterland, our friend Billy stuck out as much there as in the deep manly chest part of him.

As he came up to the landing stage he proceeded to

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indulge in what are sometimes known as porpoise dives. That is to say, he proceeded to turn a series of aquatic somersaults, almost curling himself into a ball like unto a woodlouse. Now it so happened that he was attired in a bathing costume which when wet at any rate resembled in a marked degree the colour of the water polo ball, and it also occurred that as he took his first roll with head, shoulders *and* legs under water Hector awoke with a start. What was that which met his gaze? Undoubtedly, yes, his enemy the polo ball, and moreover by its life and movement in possession of a rival of some kind!! This would never do. Without a moment's pause Hector dived into the pool and made for the enemy. Doubtless diving and rage had blinded his eyes a bit, and food had dulled his never conspicuous intellect, and it was unfortunate, too, that as he reached the all unconscious Billy that hero's posterior was again on the surface. Hector wasted no time. His jaws for the Nth time snapped at what he took for the polo ball. Joy of joys!! This time they did not close over unsatisfactory salt water. On the contrary they seized hold of something in which his teeth embedded themselves with pleasing ease. Surprise and excitement prevented him from hearing Billy's bubbling bellow, but naturally as Billy brought his head up the other part of him went down with Hector attached, and this of course made him leave go. As he came up again he was obviously delighted with the game, and Billy fearing a throat grip dived again. By jove, said Hector, here's that polo ball again, and snap once more went his jaws into Billy's bathing costume and down once more went Hector as Billy decided to himself that the chukka must end here and now!! So, as Hector again advanced Billy reached out and got him by his neck and held him under water till he was no longer fit to struggle when he towed him to the landing stage where willing hands were waiting to save him. Hector did recover, but lost interest in water polo after that. Billy—well this is strictly speaking a tale about Hector, so, over the tale of Billy let us draw a discreet veil!!

PROHIBITION AT WORK.

By way of making good the shortage in their receipts caused by the adoption of Prohibition, the hotels and restaurants in New York and elsewhere in the United States have put up their prices for meals and drinks. It is not a simple 12½ per cent. bonus they are giving themselves, but more like 100 per cent. People over there are saying that it is cheaper to go hungry at present rates or to content themselves with one or two meals a day. An American journalist was relating his experiences to a London colleague yesterday. Having enumerated the various items, beginning with an absurdly high couvert charge, he wound up with, "and then, when they let you come out, there's the hat-boy." "The 'hat-boy,' who is he?" "Oh! He's the feller you give your hat to when you go in, and when you come out you buy it back."

"AAD BOB."

Lady novelists require a man, as hero, to be of Herculean proportions, graced as an Adonis, and he must end up his career with a V.C. on which the gentle heroine scratched her peach-blossom cheek. Kind reader, I cannot remember one such hero. Most of the V.C. men I saw were singularly retiring and of modest proportions. So this tale deals with an unheroic batman who did no doughty deeds, a man, moreover, who was oldish, grey haired, and much married. He might have become a Sergeant, but he preferred to remain a full Private; or, as he often remarked when he saw the work of the other Privates, he was only a lance-private.

Ruggedly built, powerful, amazingly clean, and tireless, he was a human alarm clock. Punctuality incarnate was "Aad Bob." His speech was a choice, fluent Northumbrian; but he could speak a sound English with hardly a trace of the burr. I have heard him direct an Officer in stately tones; but the joy of his life was to hear words of commendation expressed in his native dialect. "Gan on, hinney," whispered in moments of stress, reinvigorated the mighty muscles; the "aad man" was then worth three ordinary men.

He was the father of eight children; throughout our four years together he seemed to regard me as his ninth. The paternal interest never waned. Had I a cold he insisted on dosing me with a hot toddy; did I get soaked, dry clothes were ready at once. I believe he would have stripped me, like a puling child, had I refused to change. In days of stress—there were some!—he watched me solicitously, anticipating wants, and, to the best of his great ability, filling them. Cigarettes were obtained, Heaven and "Aad Bob" alone know how, the filled case was in my pocket and ordinary "domestic" worries were cut out. He was like a silent, thinking, never-resting machine. Carefully he must have studied my favourite authors, for he, almost unlettered, could select books for me that I could take pleasure in reading. Having selected them he later tried to read them, but "could not stand them." Could solicitude go farther?

Naturally, like all his kind, he was a "scrounger." In billets during winter when the coal ration failed, there was always a fire in my room. It was some while ere I discovered the source of his reserve of fuel and how he managed to get it transported. On one occasion when I was on leave, "Aad Bob" acted as batman to the Colonel, whose own batman was also on leave. On my return I found that there had been several moves, but the inconvenience of them had been lessened by "Aad Bob's" scheme. The Colonel was amazed, and could not understand it. Nor did I give away the wiles of the astute batman, whose eyes twinkled over the mystification of "the Kornel."

No Sergeant-Major ever scanned the turn-out of a guard so minutely as "Aad Bob" surveyed me when I came out

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my billet. No débutante ever had such a final inspection. A speck of dust on the mirror-like leather, and the old man was there to remove it. His attentions could not be avoided; nor was he fussy over them. A slight, almost unobserved touch, and the displaced Sam Browne would be fixed aright. As he was careful over my clothes, so he was critical of those of other Officers. He was overheard one morning while talking to the batman of an Officer who was notorious for his lack of neatness in dress.

"I see your boss has another new jacket, Bob."

"Aye."

"What's he going to do with his old one?"

"Oh, he's gannen to gie it to yor boss for his best," replied the old critic.

Faithful he was, and his sole grudge against me was the fact that, when dirty work was afoot, I always contrived to leave him behind at rear-headquarters. In the oppressive days of April, 1918, he was alert to accompany me.

"Dalton tells me," said he in clear English, and referring to the Colonel's batman, "that you are going up to battle headquarters at three o'clock in the morning." There was a set look about him that warned me.

"Yes, I want to be up just before two."

"Right, sir, and —— I'm coming with you."

"Eh!!"

"I know what you're going for, and my place is with you." The old man risked the speech, and his voice quavered.

"You could do no good, and you're not coming."

Tears welled up in the grey eyes; the strong frame shook with apprehension and dismay.

"Well, sir, I'll sleep outside of your door, I'll be there, and"—again a mighty effort of will—"and you can put me in the guard room afterwards."

It was a problem: but Fritz "across the way" hadn't another attack left in him. The call did not come; and the crisis of "Aad Bob's" insubordination was averted.

Soon afterwards tragedy came to the old man. A telegram arrived from the police notifying that one of the many children had been killed in an accident. I had to break the news to the big-hearted father; and special leave was got for him. Just before he left the bivouacs he asked how to set about obtaining an extension. This seemed a terrible lapse from his usual methods; but, on being told of the natue of his request he replied quietly: "It's not the laddie, sir, it's the missus." He got the extension, and on his belated return he announced that twins had been born to them!

"What have you christened them?" I managed to gasp out.

"Bella, after the missus, and ——— after you, sir." He had the decency to blush!

"Pick and Rifle."

ASKING FOR A DUKE'S HEAD.

"I want the head of the Duke of Suffolk." If you make that request, in a spirit of antiquarian reverence, at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, you will be shown a glass box containing the head of Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, the father of Lady Jane Grey. He perished on Tower Hill in 1554, and his widow placed the head in the Church where she and her husband had worshipped. Tannin from oak sawdust did the rest, and so we have the relic to-day. But, as Mr. W. G. Bell points out in "Unknown London," few of London's millions know of this treasure. Or of others, as he abundantly proves in as good a book about London as the good old city has ever known. He can take you to a length of 120ft. of the Roman wall of London, as firm as when the tramp of the Roman legions was heard on Thames-side; he can give you the chance of a cold plunge in a Roman bath; he can make your flesh creep with tales of the ghosts in the Tower; he can tell you the true story of the statue, which, as it left the carver's hand, represented Sobieski crushing the infidel Turk, and became transformed into Charles II. trampling on Oliver Cromwell.

HE SCORED.

A North Countryman was looking for work, and he applied at a certain mill for it. "Has't gotten a char-rac-ter?" quoth the one in authority. "Nay, but a can get it." And off he went. An hour or two later he returned, and again the same one demanded, with some asperity, "Has't gotten thy char-rac-ter?" "Nay, a've not brought mine, but a've gotten *thine*. Good mornin'."

"OBSTRUCTION" IN HAZARD.

Down in the sandy bunker, round her waist,
With "interlocking grip," his arms he laced.
Advice he sought not, but to his distress,
The wretched caddie shouted "Dinna press."

QUEER NOTICE.

From an announcement of a "select dance" in a provincial town:—

Dancing from 6.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Tickets, 2/6.

DRESS OPTIONAL.

Q.E.D.

The parish minister was catechising the pupils in the school, and asked how Noah and his family subsisted during the flood. One boy answered readily that they caught fish, but this reply greatly agitated a fellow scholar, who, in a state of excitement, shouted out, "Please, sir, they couldna catch fish." "And why, Johnnie?" "Please, sir, Noah wad only ha'e twa wurrms."

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BIRTHS.

COCHRAN.—On the 10th March, 1920, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the wife of C.S.M. Cochran—a son.

DUDLEY.—On the 2nd May, 1920, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the wife of Cpl. Dudley—a son.

RAYMENT.—On 5th April, 1920, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the wife of Pte. Rayment—a son.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

STAFF CAPT.—Tempy. Capt. R. C. Mayall, M.C., Serv. Batt., North. Fusrs. (dated 12th Jany.).

D.A.Q.M.G.—Maj. H. W. Archer, North. Fusrs. (dated 27th Aug., 1919).

The following appointments are made:—

EPLYD. ON ESTBT. OF DEP. ASST. DIR. OF GRAVES REGISTRATION AND INQUIRIES (CL. FF).—2nd-Lieut. (now Lieut.) J. W. Rochester, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res. (dated 13th Nov., 1919).

MEMORANDA.

Bt. Col. B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G., from Lieut.-Col., Wilts R., to be Colonel (dated 28th April).

The following resign their commissions on appt. to permanent commissions in the R.A.F. (dated 1st Aug., 1919):—Maj. I. M. Bonham-Carter, O.B.E.

Tempy. Maj. D. R. Osborne, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., from a Spec. Appt., Cl. HH, to be Courts-Martial Officer, with pay and allowances as Capt. (dated 16th Oct., 1919).

TANK CORPS.

Capt. (Bt. Maj.) E. L. Salier, M.C. (North. Fusrs.), ceases to be emplyd. with Corps (dated 21st April).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. W. Watson, M.C., retires on ret. pay (dated 5th May), and is granted the rank of Capt.

Lieut. G. Bell resigns his commsn. (dated 1st April), and retains rank of Lieut.

Lieut. G. White, M.C., retires on ret. pay (dated 7th May), and is granted rank of Maj.

Tempy. Lieut. N. B. Pigg, D.S.O., M.C., Serv. Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (dated 12th March).

Lieut. A. B. Surtees resigns his commsn. (dated 12th May).

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. C. L. H. Jones relinquishes tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 20th July, 1919) (substituted for notification in *Gazette* 8th April).

The following resign their commsns. on appt. to permanent commsns. in the R.A.F. (dated 1st Aug., 1919):—Lieut. R. P. M. Witham, M.C.

The restoration to establishment of Lieut. A. H. Gatehouse, M.C., notified in *Gazette* of 27th Feby., is cancelled.

2nd-Lieut. H. Brough to be Lieut. (dated 9th April).

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. the Hon. M. O'Brien, D.S.O., M.V.O., to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 10th Nov., 1917).

A. B. Surtees, late Lieut., North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 12th May).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following relinquishes his commsn. (dated 1st April):—Lieut. J. H. Pugh, and retains rank of Lieut.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointment is made:—

BRIG.-COMDR.—Col. B. T. Buckley, C.B., C.M.G. (dated 28th April).

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—Capt. H. Cheesmond, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 13th May), and is granted rank of Maj.

4th Batt.—Capt. C. G. Arkwright, M.C., to be Maj. (dated 18th May); Capt. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., to be Maj. (dated 18th May); Capt. R. W. Cranage is restored to estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with R.E. (dated 18th May); Capt. N. B. N. Good, M.C., is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the M.G.C. (dated 18th May).

5th Batt.—Lieut. J. Smith, from 6th Batt., to be Lieut. (dated 18th May); Lieut. F. Haswell, from 6th Batt., to be Lieut. (dated 18th May).

5th Batt.—Capt. G. S. Haggie is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as Staff Capt. (dated 15th March, 1918); Lieut. G. McCree is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with M.G.C. (dated 21st May); Lieut. R. R. Thompson is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with M.G.C. (dated 21st May).

5th Batt.—Lieut. S. J. Curtis is restored to estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with M.G.C. (dated 28th May); Lieut. W. Goodall is restored to estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with M.G.C. (dated 28th May); Lieut. G. Knox is restored to estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with M.G.C. (dated 28th May).

6th Batt.—Capt. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with M.G.C. (dated 18th May); Capt. G. E. Wilkinson, M.C., to be Maj. (dated 18th May); Lieut. W. Anderson, D.S.O., M.C., to be Capt. (dated 18th May); Lieut. F. C. Clayton, M.C., to be Capt. (dated 18th May); Lieut. J. L. Challoner is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with M.G.C. (dated 18th May).

6th Batt.—Capt. O. G. Blayney is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as D.A.Q.M.G. (dated 7th April, 1919).

6th Batt.—Lieut. D. McLeod Douglas is restored to estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with M.G.C. (dated 28th May).

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6th Batt.—Maj. W. H. Sowerby, T.D., resigns his commsn. (dated 5th May), and is granted rank of Lieut.-Col., with permission to wear the prescribed uniform; Lieut. P. W. Lovell resigns his commsn. (dated 5th May), and retains rank of Lieut.

6th Batt.—Capt. E. G. Fawcus relinquishes his commsn. in the T.F. on appt. to a permanent commsn. in R.A.F. (dated 1st Aug., 1919), and retains rank of Capt.

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. White resigns his commsn. (dated 6th May), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Lieut.-Col. (Bt. Col.) J. J. Gillespie, T.D., from 7th Batt., to be Lieut.-Col. (Bt. Col.) (dated 13th May).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Lieut. S. V. Thompson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. V. Irving resigns his commsn. on appointment to R.A.F. (dated 14th Sept., 1918). The notification regarding tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. W. Hersey in *Gazette* 17th March, 1919, page 3,609, is cancelled.

Tempy. Maj. C. Wallace relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th March), and retains rank of Maj.

Tempy. Maj. R. H. Gill, D.S.O., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 4th May), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Capt. F. W. Todd relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 24th March), and retains rank of Capt. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 19th April, specifying date as 20th April); tempy. Lieut. G. Trayhurn relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st March), and retains rank of Lieut. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—N. H. Philipson (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next below A. Mackenzie; H. Downs, M.M. (dated 29th Nov., 1919); tempy. Lieut. H. Downs, M.M., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th March), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. F. S. M. McKellen, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st March), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Capt. T. G. Farina relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 5th May), and retains rank of Capt.; Lieut. J. Unsworth (7th Batt., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. (addtl.) (dated 26th March); tempy. Lieut. J. Mowatt relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 5th May), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. S. Waring to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 30th July, 1919); tempy. Lieut. S. Waring relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 18th March), and retains rank of Lieut.

Lieut. G. White, M.C., relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with a Serv. Batt. (dated 3rd March); tempy. Lieut. (now Capt.) C. F. Mayos, M.C., to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 10th Feby., 1917, to 7th July, 1917); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. E. Cowell to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 5th Dec., 1917).

Tempy. Maj. W. H. Davey relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th March), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. J. H. Simmonds relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. C. A. Yarrow relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. R. Taylor relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd April), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Maj. G. L. Thompson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st March), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. N. B. Pigg, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th March), and is granted the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. J. W. Venn relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 30th March), and retains rank of Lieut.

40th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. A. E. Smith (E. Surrey R., Serv. Batts.) to be Adjt. (dated 16th Feby.).

Tempy. Maj. A. Arnott (Hon. Capt. in Army) relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th March), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. W. A. Renshaw relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. S. W. Ingledow relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. W. W. Chapman relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th April), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Wilson resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 11th Nov., 1918). The notification regarding W. C. Dillworth in *Gazette* 31st May, 1918, page 6,351, is cancelled.

Tempy. Lieut. E. J. Vipond, M.C., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. (dated 9th May, 1919).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. E. Clark to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next above L. Langley.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. V. Ravenscroft to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next above W. S. Wray.

40th Batt.—To be actg. Capts. while cmndg. Coys.:—Tempy. Lieut. P. Johnson (3rd Garr. Batt. R.W. Fusrs.) (dated 2nd Feby.); Lieut. C. A. B. Hadley (6th Batt. E. Surrey R., T.F.) (dated 8th Feby.); tempy. Lieut. W. J. Williamson (S. Wales Bord., Serv. Batt. (dated 19th Feby.).

Tempy. Maj. G. L. Thompson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st March), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. N. B. Pigg, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th March), and is granted the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. J. W. Venn relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 30th March), and retains rank of Lieut.

40th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. A. E. Smith (E. Surrey R., Serv. Batt.) to be Adjt. (dated 16th Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut. W. Dorward relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Dec., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. T. P. Connolly relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th April), and retains rank of Lieut. Tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—E. Turnbull (dated 1st Feby., 1919), with prec. next below J. A. McIntyre; G. W. Wightman (dated 28th May, 1919), with prec. next below H. Taylor.

51st Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. T. P. Connolly, North. Fusrs., Serv. Batt., relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 11th April).

The notification regarding tempy. 2nd-Lieut. D. Gallen in *Gazette* 17th March, 1919, is cancelled.

Tempy. Lieut. A. Renton relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th April), and is granted rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. G. Bestford relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. R. Schooling to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 26th Oct., 1918); tempy. Lieut. G. R. Schooling resigns his commsn. on appointment to R.A.F. (dated 26th Nov., 1918).

Tempy. Lieut. C. G. Fentum, from Lab. Corps, to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 12th Jany., 1918), with seniority from 26th Nov., 1917; tempy. Lieut. C. G. Fentum relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. H. G. Jamieson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. to be tempy. Lieuts.:—W. Brigham (dated 1st Feby., 1919), with prec. next above E. Turnbull; J. McD. Innes (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next below J. N. Hertherington; the notification regarding tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. Jackson in *Gazette* 17th March, 1919, is cancelled.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt.) J. O. Byrne, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st March), and is granted rank of Capt.

51st Batt.—Maj. (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) W. P. S. Foord, D.S.O. (Glouc. R.), relinquishes tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. on ceasing to cmnd. the Batt. (dated 22nd March).

Tempy. Capt. R. E. M. Heanley relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th Dec., 1919), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. C. R. Cooper relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th April), and retains rank of Lieut.

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Obituary.

MAJOR G. H. R. BOYLE.

We regret to have to record in these columns the loss of a former 5th Fusilier in the death of Major G. H. R. Boyle, Seaforth Highlanders, which took place last October and was due to influenza and pneumonia. Owing to some unaccountable reason we only recently learned of this sad occurence.

"Pat" Boyle joined the 5th Fusiliers from the Militia in April, 1902, and became a lieutenant in June, 1906. On the disbanding of the 3rd and 4th Batts. he left the Regiment to go to the Seaforth Highlanders in May, 1908. We know how deep were his regrets at leaving the FIFTH, but he had no option, save that of retiring, as was the case with so many old friends of those days. He became a Captain in 1914 and a Major in 1917. Major Boyle saw service in South Africa in 1901-2 for which he received the Queen's Medal and five clasps. He also served in

MAJOR G. H. R. BOYLE.

Northern Nigeria during 1905-6, while serving with the W.A.F.F. In 1908 he was seconded for duty with the Egyptian Army and took part in the operations against the Beir and Annak tribes in S.E. Soudan, for which he got the Soudan Medal with clasp. He continued to serve in Egypt till 1916 where he was employed in the Signal Service. In 1916 he went to France where he served also in the Signal Service. He was three times mentioned in dispatches. When in the FIFTH he was a most popular officer and the cheery good nature which endeared him to us, earned for him undying popularity among all Englishmen in Egypt. We have a letter from one of his brother officers who shared his house out there for three years and who says of him, "You could not find anywhere a whiter man." To his mother we beg to offer our none the less sincere though somewhat tardy sympathy in her loss.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES

There has been very little activity during the past month except for the beginning of Cricket and the preparations for the visit of His Majesty the King to Bordon and the review at Aldershot.

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The photographs of St. George's Day have not yet arrived from the photographers, so that they will have to be held over till the next issue of the *Gazette*.

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Owing to the rush of writing the notes after St. George's Day so as not to be too late for the printer, it is regretted that no mention was made of the tasteful way in which the roses were arranged by Mrs. Yatman and Mrs. English.

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Our famous mule has left us for Arborfield. On its way it arrived about two miles from Alton and apparently took a violent fancy to the place, sat down in a hedge and refused to move another inch. The Transport Officer received this telegram from its escort :—"Mule wont go, awaiting your orders," and when the relief sent had used a few persuasive measures, "Troytown" decided that he didn't like the place any more and proceeded toward his destination

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Polo is being played regularly now and the ponies are improving. It is regretted that Major Forster had the small bone of his right leg broken by an opponent's pony kicking him during a chukka on the 14th.

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The Garrison Point-to-Point Meeting was held at Farringdon, near Alton, on 26th April, over 3¼ miles of fair hunting country. We spent a most enjoyable day at these races, and of course most interest was centred in the Infantry, R. E. and R. A. S. C. race, in which the Battalion had three entries out of the twelve starters.

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2nd Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall, on "Billy," started in great style and led by a field for the first mile but met with disaster at a big double out in the country, his saddle slipping under his horse. Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, on "Golden Melody," then took up the running and was leading till threequarters of a mile from home, when his mare refused the fence out of a lane, and Lieut. K. A. Seth Smith, who was close behind, cannoned into him and they lost several lengths. The finish was exciting. Major Furneaux, of the R.A.S.C., on "Donovan," just beat Major Carrol Leahy of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, with Lieut. Seth Smith on "Miss Folly," placed four or five lengths behind and Lieut. Fenwick fourth at about the same distance.

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Lieut. J. V. A. Bailey ran the Totalisator with the four Company Quartermaster Sergeant's as his clerks. Several G.S. wagons carried those of the married families who wished to see the races and even those who had lost quite a small fortune backing "Billy" who started favourite, said that it was well worth it.

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Things overheard recently:—

"What do you think of the C.O.'s new polo pony?"

"I think it is a very nice one, sir, but it is a bit flatfooted."

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With reference to the order that curb and bridoon bits would be worn at the Royal Review:—

"Please sir, I can't find your baboon bit."

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On Wednesday, 19th May, the Garrison was visited by their Majesties the King and Queen. The Royal Party arrived at about 3.30 p.m. and went first to the Soldiers' Club, thence to the New Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Club and from there to the Officers' Cricket Ground. They did not stop to see the Battalion playing on the Recreation Ground as they passed. All the new lawn tennis courts and bowling greens were fully occupied. There was no ceremony or parade as the visit was quite unofficial.

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On 20th May, the Battalion marched to Aldershot to take part in the Royal Review. We started at 8.30 and arrived at Albuhera Barracks at about 12.45. On the following day we marched to Farnborough Common where the Review was to take place and at 11 o'clock the King arrived with the Duke of Connaught and inspected the troops of the Command. The Command then marched past the Royal Enclosure in which was the Queen with Princess Mary and Prince George.

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We were the smallest Battalion on parade and could only find sufficient men for three companies which were commanded by Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., Capt. P. Sidney and Capt. H. I. Powell. The Colours were carried by Lieut. H. F. Attwater and 2nd-Lieut. H. G. B. Styran.

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We returned on Saturday, the 22nd, to Bordon. Everybody enjoyed our temporary change of station, for Aldershot is a very different sort of place from Bordon. Most of us, however, prefer to be where we are.

CRICKET.

Our cricket season began with a match of the Right Half Battalion against the Left Half Battalion, which was won by the former with 78 runs against 42. Captain Buckley made a very useful 38 which included a 5, a 4, and six 3's.

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The second match was the Probables and the Possibles on 11th May, and ended in a win for the Probables, who had all the bowling as well as the batting on their side. The scores were:—

1st innings: Probables, 74 (Cpl. Bird, 20);
Possibles, 32 (Cpl. McPherson, 10).

2nd innings: Probables, 88 (Lt. Dent. 21, Capt. Buckley, 30);
Possibles, 29.

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On 14th May we played the 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers. The pitch was hardly at its best and it was quite an interesting problem for the players wondering where the ball was going after it had touched the ground. The Battalion won the toss and batted first. We started quite well and the score was 5 wickets for 82, but the tail refused to function properly and the total was only 95. Lieut. Gamble bowled well and took 9 of our wickets for 20 runs. Our bowling was rather weak but what really let us down was the fielding. Granted that the sun was in rather an awkward position for most of the catches that were dropped, yet the batsmen who made most runs against us should have been dismissed long before they had become set and our opponents' total should not have reached 123.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Lieut. W. H. N. Dent, b Lieut. Gamble	26
Lieut. H. F. Attwater, b Bovenizer	2
C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, b Lieut. Gamble	28
Pte. Purcell, b Lieut. Gamble	4
Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, b Lieut. Gamble	9
Lieut. R. E. D. O'Dowd, b Lieut. Gamble	4
Q.M.S. Pack, b Lieut. Gamble	10
Lieut. F. A. Price, c Lieut. Rice, b Lieut. Gamble	0
Cpl. Walsh, c and b Lieut. Gamble	2
Bndsmn. Obey, b Lieut. Gamble	0
Lce.-Cpl. Peppiatt, not out	1
Extras	9
Total	95

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.

Lieut. Rice, lbw, b Peppiatt	25
Pte. Bovenizer, c and b Purcell	4
Capt. Massey Westropp, c Lieut. Dent, b Peppiatt	23
Maj. Carroll Leahy, b Walsh	0
Col. Perreau, b Obey	18
C.Q.M.S. Fullerton, played on, b Obey	6
Sgt. Gamble, c Walsh, b Purcell	10
Lieut. Gamble, b Obey	0
Lieut. Tittle, not out	16
Cpl. Blogg, b Obey	3
Bndsmn. Powell, b Obey	7
Extras	11
Total	123

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Our second match took place on the Garrison Recreation Ground, on 19th May. The 1st Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers won the toss and decided to bat. They did not put up much opposition to our bowlers and after about an hour-and-a-quarter were all out for 58. The pitch was rather bad and it was always a question which way the ball was going, both on the actual pitch and in the outfield. Capt. Powell played a good innings of 47 for us, and the two last men made 40 between them and we won by a comfortable margin. Score:—

1ST BATT. ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

Pte. Hodson, played on, b Capt. Powell	0
Sgt. Moore, c and b Capt. Powell	5
Lieut. Gains, b Capt. Powell	5
Pte. Higgins, c Lieut. Attwater, b Purcell	2
S.M. Smith, c Q.M.S. Pack, b Capt. Powell	2
Lieut. Margotson, b Purcell	0
Pte. Hilton, c Obey, b Sgt. Bartlett	5
Cpl. Birchall, b Obey	11
Pte. Dillon, b Obey	5
Lce.-Cpl. Lovatt, not out	8
Pte. Murray, b Purcell	7
Extras	8
Total	58

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FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Sgt. Grundy, c Lieut. Margotson, b Birchall ..	0
Lieut. W. H. N. Dent, c and b Lovatt	2
Capt. H. I. Powell, c Murray, b Lieut. Gains ..	47
Col. C. Yatman, b Hodson	7
Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, c Lovatt, b Hodson ..	7
Lieut. H. F. Attwater, played on, b Lieut. Gains ..	4
Q.M.S. Pack, c Lieut. Gains, b Lovatt	4
Lieut. F. A. Price, b Lieut. Margotson	7
Bndsmn. Purcell, b Lieut. Gains	2
Sgt. Bartlett, b Hodson	16
Bndsmn. Obey, not out	24
Extras	11
Total	131

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Talent has not been too easy to find and the ground is a heavy handicap, for it has not yet recovered from its use as a place of parade for four years.

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The Company matches have not yet begun either in the Battalion or the Garrison Inter-Company Competitions.

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Officers who have joined during the month—Nil.

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Officers who have left during the month:—

Lieut. G. White, M.C., retires on retired pay (7th May) and is granted rank of Major.

Lieut. C. R. L. English proceeded to Depôt on 28th April, 1920.

Lieut. A. B. Surtees resigns his Commission (*London Gazette*, 12th May).

Lieut. A. B. Surtees, late Lieut., to be Capt. (*London Gazette*, dated 12th May, 1920).

Tempy.-Lieut. S. W. Ingledow relinquishes his Commission on completion of service and retains rank of Lieut. (*London Gazette*, dated 15th March, 1920).

Major F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., appointed D.A.A.G., Headquarters, Egypt, struck off strength 11th May, 1920.

Lieut. O. A. Wardle has left to take up the appointment of Assistant Recruiting Officer, Northumberland Area, 17th May, 1920.

Lieut. E. G. Pease has left on posting to the West African Frontier Force.

Lieut. J. V. A. Bailey has proceeded on leave pending retirement, 18th May, 1920.

Lieut. C. G. Girdlestone, having been posted to the King's African Rifles, leaves almost immediately.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The thanks of the Mess are due to Lieut.-Col. Bonham-Carter for the gift of a fine old print "The Fusilier Brigade."

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Probably owing to that sinking feeling usually felt after St. George's Day, we have not been able to hold any whist drives or dances this month.

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The Mess is being extended by the addition of an extra hut. Owing to the scarcity of labour (the general cry) the hut is being erected ? ? ? by the members of the Mess, and, at the present rate of progress, we hope to have the roof on by Christmas.

Playing a return billiard match with the Sergeants, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, on Saturday, 15th May, we received our first defeat at this game. If the match had started earlier our representatives might have done themselves justice. After the billiard match an impromptu smoking concert was held and we have to thank the "Dubs." for a very enjoyable and amusing evening. During the evening we were challenged to a cricket match to be played on the following day. The match duly took place, the FIFTH winning very easily and confounding the many critics of the selection committee. New talent was discovered both in bowling and batting, Sergeant Grundy, C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, Sergeant Drummer Brace and Sergeant Bartlett batted very well. Sergeant Bartlett and C.Q.M.S. O'Hara were our bowlers, both doing very well. Mention must be made of the stumper, C.Q.M.S. Knapp, who gave a very *finished* exhibition.

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A Warrant Officers' and Sergeants' Club is being opened by His Majesty the King in a few days. The clubhouse is a very large building and will be a great asset to the social life of the station. There are four lawn tennis courts which will, no doubt, be very much in demand. We notice already a few of our members doing imaginary shots before the mirror, so someone will have to prepare for a licking.

H.M. THE KING SHAKING HANDS WITH Q.M.S. PACK.

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Although the Regimental Football Team did not reach the Final of the Army Cup, we were represented by Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) Pack, who officiated as linesman. Q.M.S. Pack had the honour of being presented to His Majesty the King.

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The accompanying photograph shows His Majesty shaking hands with Q.M.S. Pack who was linesman in the Final for the Army Cup, at Aldershot, on 5th April, between the Hampshire Regiment and the R.A.M.C.

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BILLIARD MATCH.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.		ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.	
C.Q.M.S. Clarke ..	118	Sgt. Carolan	125
Sgt. Brooks	119	C.S.M. McDermott ..	125
Sgt. Young	125	C.S.M. Duffy ..	118
Sgt. Maunders ..	86	A.S.Sgt. Marks ..	125
Sgt.-Dr. Hebbron ..	121	Q.M.S. Melia	125
Sgt. Lowe	98	Q.M.S. Burnett ..	125
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CRICKET MATCH.

FIFTH FUSILIERS.

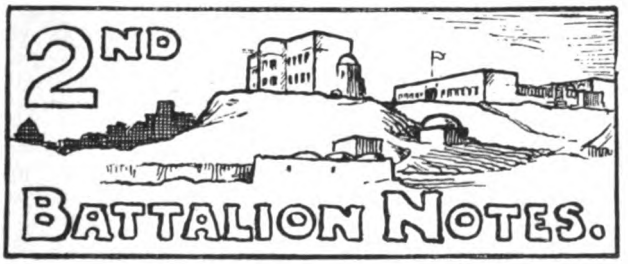
Sgt.-Dr. Brace, b Blackman	21
Sgt. Grundy, run out	33
C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, b Mark	19
Q.M.S. Pack, b Mark	0
Sgt. Maunder, c Allan, b Mark	0
Sgt. Young, b Gamble	0
Sgt. Barnett, b Mark	0
Sgt. Gale, c and b Ludford	8
Sgt. Bartlett, not out	22
Sgt.-Dr. Hebbron, c O'Brien, b Ludford	0
C.Q.M.S. Knapp, c Dee, b Mark	2
Extras	24
Total	129

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.

Sgt. O'Brien, b O'Hara	3
C.S.M. McDermott, c Grundy, b O'Hara	1
Sgt. Fullerton, b Bartlett	8
Sgt. Ludford, c Brace, b Bartlett	3
Sgt. Bryne, c Gale, b Bartlett	3
Sgt. Dee, b Bartlett	0
Sgr. Mark, b Young	0
Sgt. Berry, not out	5
Sgt. Blackman, b Bartlett	3
Sgt. Allan, b Maunder	1
Sgt. Gamble, b Bartlett	8
Extras	8
Total	43

Sergeants, 5th Fusiliers, won by 86 runs.

OFFICERS' MESS, MOSUL.



MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
5th April, 1920.

On the 1st April official summer commences in Mesopotamia and the weather is at present almost perfect, the atmosphere, though pretty warm at mid-day is tempered with a nice breeze whilst the early mornings and evenings are delightful. The approach of summer has also been heralded by a large number of swallows which have arrived and are busy building nests in our quarters, also by the large number of storks which are prominent features on many of the houses in the city of Mosul.

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Summer having been declared to have commenced on the 1st April we donned our khaki drill and were inspected by the new Commander-in-Chief of Mesopotamia, Lieut.-Gen. Sir Aylmer Haldane, K.C.B., D.S.O., who only arrived in this country about the end of March. After having inspected the Battalion on parade, the Commander-in-Chief in the course of a short speech pointed out that the Battalion was the first British Battalion which he had inspected since his arrival in this country and stated that he was particularly pleased that it should be so owing to his long association with the 1st Battalion when he commanded the 3rd Division in France and Flanders, stating what a fine record the Regiment had, and that there was no Regiment in the Service except his own, in which he took a greater interest. After inspecting the Battalion the Commander-in-Chief made a tour of the Camp and Barracks.

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On the 19th March a Draft of 88 N.C.O.'s and men arrived from England with the following Officers:—Maj. O. B. Foster, Lieuts. C. H. Cooper and T. H. McLean, Lieut. Stott, Royal Berkshire Regiment, also arrived to take up the duties of Battalion Educational Officer. The Draft left England on the 31st January, and thus without any undue delay completed the journey from England to Mosul in 50 days.

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Lieut. Pattison left us on the 25th March for Baghdad. *en route* for England, on retirement from the Service and dined with the Officers on the night before he left. Lieut. Pattison was Assistant Adjutant of the Battalion and his loss as an able instructor and a keen hockey player will be felt. He enlisted in the FIFTH in 1906, and of his 14 years' service with the Regiment, 13 years were spent abroad. Besides the war of 1914-1918 Lieut. Pattison took part in the Mohmand Expedition of 1908. We wish him the best of good luck.

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We are still without polo ponies and at present the prospect of obtaining them does not seem very hopeful. A reconnaissance in force by five Officers of the Regiment of the stables of the large dealer in Mosul, Ibn Taleb, has not brought forth any results. Lieut.-Col. Sandilands and Maj. Williams have been away at Baghdad during the last month to represent Mosul in the Baghdad Polo Tournament. Unfortunately Lieut.-Col. Sandilands, whilst staying with the Rifle Brigade at Baiji, had the misfortune to sustain a nasty cut on the hand which necessitated him going into hospital in Baghdad.

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On the 1st April we had the annual Battalion Cross Country Race of about 3½ miles which was won on points by C Coy. Below is the result of the run:—

1st.—C Coy.	567 points
2nd.—A Coy.	594 ,,
3rd.—B Coy.	1051 ,,
4th.—D Coy.	1126 ,,

The first four home were:—

1st.—Sgt. Griffiths, D Coy. .. Time: 26 min. 39 secs.
2nd.—Pte. Pyle, B Coy.
3rd.—Pte. Bullock, A Coy.
4th.—Pte. Briggs, D Coy.

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Maj. Williams left us on the 28th March to take over temporary duty as Brigade Major at Baiji, where the

2ND BATTALION.—C COY. TEAM, WINNERS OF CROSS COUNTRY RACE.
(Photo by C.S.M. S. Johnston).

previous Brigade Major was found stripped and murdered one day last month, by whom it has not been ascertained.

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The furore for buying Kurdistan rugs and carpets of various kinds has somewhat abated for a while. Officers are beginning to realise that in many cases they have been victimised in their purchases and are now waiting till they gain a little more knowledge as to what is and what is not a good carpet.

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On the 13th March the Battalion sent a Detachment of 4 Officers and 150 men to attend the presentation, by Maj.-General Fraser, Commanding 18th Division, of the Indian Distinguished Conduct Medal to three men of the Assyrian

2ND BATTALION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—A COY. V. B COY.
(Photo by Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton Barrett, D.S.O.).

Battalion for gallant conduct during operations in Kurdistan in December, 1919.

Now that the shooting is over and we are at present unable to procure polo ponies we amuse ourselves in various ways in our leisure hours. Besides hockey and football, tennis is now starting, whilst photography, botany, rat catching and hen keeping with the addition of cock fights keeps various people amused. The whole countryside has assumed quite a freshness after the rains and the green is refreshing to the eye.

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We are hoping to have a good show on St. George's Day and are going to Troop the Colours at 8 a.m., the Officers being At Home to breakfast after the parade. Mosul, being such an outpost of Empire, there are few people within distance but nevertheless we hope to have quite a gathering.

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The Platoon Leagues of Football and Hockey have been in full swing during the month and have provided many interesting and exciting games. Below is given the

2ND BATTALION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.—A COY. V. C COY.
(Photo by Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton Barrett, D.S.O.).

present position of the football and hockey, also the results of the Regimental matches:—

PLATOON FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
No. 1 Platoon	12	10	1	1	31	3	21
,, 3 Platoon	11	9	2	0	27	7	18
,, 4 Platoon	10	8	2	0	27	6	16
,, 9 Platoon	9	7	2	0	16	5	14

PLATOON HOCKEY LEAGUE.

	P.	W	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
No. 11 Platoon	13	10	1	2	54	8	22
,, 9 Platoon	12	9	1	2	34	13	20
,, 3 Platoon	11	8	0	3	28	9	19
,, 13 Platoon	11	5	3	3	19	18	13

REGIMENTAL HOCKEY MATCHES.

Regimental Team *v.* Mosul Hospital Staff .. Lost: 5—1
Regimental Team *v.* 52nd Sikhs (F.F.) .. .. Lost: 2—0

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BOXING.

In the Commemoration Week Boxing Tournament at Baghdad, Lce.-Cpl. Holroyd reached the semi-final in the featherweight competition after knocking out three previous opponents. In this round he was beaten by the eventual winner.

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Pte. Robinson, who was 2lbs. overweight for the Feather-weights, fought in the Light-weights and reached the final. It was only after an extra round that the referee's casting vote was given in favour of his opponent.

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Pte. Gray reached the 3rd round in the Middle-weights, when he met the eventual winner, who beat him after an extra round.

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The following shows the Officers and Warrant Officers now serving with the Battalion which may be of interest to readers:—

COMMANDING:
Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton Barrett, D.S.O.

2ND-IN-COMMAND:
Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.

ADJUTANT:
Capt. and Bt.-Maj. E. S. Swaine, M.C.

QUARTERMASTER:
Lieut. J. H. Maynard.

A COMPANY:
Capt. E. H. Baxter.
Capt. T. H. Owen.
Lieut C. Smith, M.C., attd. L.A.M. Battery.
Lieut. T. H. McLean, Transport Officer.
2nd-Lieut. H. A. Ingledew, attd. 17th M.G. Coy.
2nd-Lieut. H. Brough.
2nd-Lieut. G. C. Humphreys.

B COMPANY:
Maj. H. C. Stephen.
Capt. and Bt.-Maj. K. G. Williams, actg. Brigade-Major, 54th Brigade.
Lieut. W. H. Griffiths, M.C., attd. Staff, 53rd Brigade.
Lieut. D. E. F. Waight, M.C.
Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley.
Lieut. H. N. Hopper.

C COMPANY:
Capt. and Bt.-Maj. J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O.
Lieut. T. C. L. Redwood, attd. General Staff G.H.Q., Baghdad.
Lieut. C. H. Cooper, M.C., Assistant Adjutant.
2nd-Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, M.C., attd. 17th M.G. Coy.
2nd-Lieut. F. Brown.

D COMPANY:
Maj. O. B. Foster, M.C.
Capt. B. E. S. Mahon.
Lieut. C. H. Steel, M.C., Signalling Officer.
2nd-Lieut. D. Scott, M.C.
2nd-Lieut. P. R. H. Thurston, actg. Staff Capt., Karind.
2nd-Lieut. B. T. G. Pringle, attd. L.T.M. Battery.

WARRANT OFFICERS AND SENIOR N.C.O.'s.
R.S.M. J. H. Crabtree
Bandmaster W. Steffan
R.Q.M.S. J. Vernon

A COMPANY:
No. 8451 C.S.M. T. Hiorns
„ 54522 C.Q.M.S. G. F. Brocklesby

B COMPANY:
No. 2099 C.S.M. G. Capstaff
„ 45363 C.Q.M.S. F. E. Davis

C COMPANY:
No. 9476 C.S.M. S. Johnston
„ 1743 C.Q.M.S. S. Hobson

D COMPANY:
No. 4898 C.S.M. B. H. Watts
„ 2892 C.Q.M.S. A. J. Pollard

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Whatever will you be thinking of me, Mr. Editor, after my most positive assurance that I would give you later details, in deserting you like this? A thousand apologies, dear sir; but the truth of the matter is, my inclinations and intentions have turned out to be like the proverbial pie crust, made to be broken.

However, to resume where I left off. On the whole the day at Nineveh was a galloping success. The party, mustering about 20 members of the Mess, started in close formation; though I very much regret to say, after passing over the Mosul Bridge, which spans the Tigris, and constructed partly of boats and partly of masonry, which we are told is washed away at least once a year; the party became rather straggled. The R.S.M., in company with our worthy Padre and guide, set the pace in fine style, doing at least six miles per hour; the rear being brought up 1½ miles away by C.S.M. Watts and C.Q.M.S. Brocklesby, whose only and constant lament was "Why didn't we bring our haversack rations, and water bottles filled?" (A canteen cart would have been better still.) Luckily for the two last mentioned, a halt was called at the world famous place called Nebiyunis, which is situated on a conical shaped hill, one side of which spreads an Arab village and on the top is the supposed tomb of Jonah.

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After a lengthy palaver between our guide and the venerable Arab, who is caretaker of the Mosque wherein the tomb lies, and assisted by at least 40 Arab urchins, etc., the party removed their boots and with great military caution, posted A Coy.'s Sergt.-Major and C.Q.M.S. as sentries, the party reverently trooped to gaze spellbound upon Jonah's tomb and fish's bone. Copies of the Koram were set on small stools in the prayer room; which no one was allowed to touch, the floor being richly covered with Persian carpets. On each side of the Sheiks stand were the Holy War flags. In the central auditorium coloured glass globes, such as may be seen at children's festival decorations at home, were hung from the roof.

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After the sentries were relieved, and they, too, had witnessed this wonderful spectacle, our photographic enthusiast took one or two photographs of the minaret.

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The tape immediately flew up and the race recommenced! This time to view the ancient walls of Nineveh whose circumference is nearly nine miles. At several places where landslips had occurred, views were obtained of the massive mud bricks of which the old walls were built, mostly by slave labour.

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Our worthy Padre led us up to the highest point and all the muggins in turn sat for photos. It was then explained to us that we were on the top of Sennacherib's Palace, who was King of the Assyrians in the reign of Ezra, King of Judah. Considerable excavations have taken place here, and many of the relics now lie in the British Museum.

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Our next big item was treking home, which happened without any startling incidents, except that the two stragglers aforementioned got lost in the alleys and by-ways of Mosul, and it was only through the excellent knowledge of Hindustani possessed by the senior member that our rather laggard members arrived safely into camp. So ended a glorious day; but there have been no volunteers for a repetition.

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Another item of interest was the hockey match between Married Members *v.* Single which was the outcome of the former monopolising the conversation *re* the arrangements of married quarters. After a strenuous game the married

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men received their gruelling to the tune of 3—2, but I am sorry to have to remark, that the conversations *re* their gardens of Eden are still in the ascendant.

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In the meantime two rival Associations have been formed, to wit, *i.e.*, "The Nineveh Egg and Dairy Produce Association," run by Capts. X. and Z., sleeping partner Maj. W. Their rivals, "The West Kent Hill Fertile Egg Company," run by the brace of Sams' of C Coy.

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Now arrives the grevious part of the tale. The latter firm met with disastrous ill luck, for after producing and selling one setting of eggs for the benefit of Hetty, the first clucker of the "N.E.D.P. Association," a loose wallah boldly stole up in the middle of the night and left them in a state of insolvency, their only assets being drops of blood, which the Sexton Blake of the Battalion attempted to trace, but has ended in failure. However, nothing daunted, they have recommenced on a larger scale. Woe betide any, others than soldiers, who cast longing looks in the direction of the firm.

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On the 1st April the Battalion Cross Country run took place over a course of about four miles, the Mess again coming to the fore by producing the first man in, in the shape of Sgt. Griffiths, D Coy. C Coy. had the first team in, thus winning the shield by 27 points; A Coy. being the second.

2ND BATTALION DRAFT NOTES.

After a stay of five days at Colaba Camp, Bombay, where we were most comfortable, we embarked in s.s. *Chakdara* on the 24th February.

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About the embarkation and voyage we will say little, except that Bombay excelled even itself in the general lack of all arrangements for our comfort.

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We reached Basra on the 2nd March, and were accommodated there in No. 2 British Base Depôt until the 8th, when we proceeded up the Tigris in the good ship *P 59*, for a most comfortable five days' journey up to Kut-el-Amara.

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Every day one hour was devoted to exercise, when we tied up to the bank (preferably in a good shooting area!) and everyone went ashore. Some sport was usually obtained, and duck, quail, partridge and one jackal were included in the bag.

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After disembarking we stayed one night at Kut, railing to Bagdad the following day, about 14 hours in open trucks; as usual nothing was ready, and no one seemed to expect us on arrival.

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After two days at the Combined Depôt, Bagdad, we entrained for Shergat, the present railhead, about eighteen hours by rail from Bagdad, where we stopped for one night.

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The ruins of Asshur, the earliest capital of Assyria, are within sight of Shergat, and were most interesting to go over, as they have been very thoroughly excavated.

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From Shergat we commenced our final march to Mosul, about 75 miles; halts were made on successive nights at Hadrania, Qaiyarah, El Hadra and Hammam Ali; we reached Mosul on the 19th March.

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The last two marches are particularly long and trying, and the sight of the Band and Drums, who met us some two miles outside Mosul, was a welcome one to most of us.

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Thus ended our seven weeks' journey from Bordon to Mosul.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
24th May, 1920.

The combined Depôt Band is proving quite a feature in the Depôt and are now open to receive engagements. To-day (Monday) they are playing during a "Rally" of Boy Scouts at Gosforth Park.

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On Sunday, the 23rd, they played the combined Depôts to Church and on return to barracks they entertained us for an hour on the Barrack Square. Sergt.-Dmr. Slater is to be congratulated upon the high state of efficiency he has reached in so short a time.

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Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O. and M.C., and Sergt. Price are at present undergoing a course with Rifle and Bayonet Wing at Hythe.

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Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., and Coy.-Sergt.-Major Guttridge are also undergoing a course in "Light" Gunnery at Hythe.

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A party of officers from the Depôt were present at the launching of H.M.S. *Emerald* on the 19th inst., from the Armstrong and Whitworth Naval Yard Ward. The christening and launching were performed by Lady Craig, wife of Sir Jas. Craig, M.P. There was a large gathering of guests who were afterwards entertained to tea in the Reception Room.

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We continue to make progress in hockey and now cricket is occupying our attention.

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Capt. A. C. Milne-Home, M.C., played for the County in a match at the County Grounds, Newcastle, on the 15th, against Benwell.

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On the 2nd June the R.A.T.A. Branch of the combined Depôts is holding a cross country race for all members of both Depôts. Some valuable prizes are available for members and non-members. This should prove a useful test for both sides of the "argument."

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On Wednesday and Thursday, 26th and 27th inst., a Novices' Boxing Tournament is to be held in the Gymnasium, at which we hope to see some good work put in by the young soldier.

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Lieut. C. R. L. English joined the Depôt for a tour of duty from the 1st Batt. on 29th April, 1920.

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Lieut. A. O. Wardle joined on the 21st May, 1920, from 1st Batt., on appointment as Assistant Recruiting Officer, Northumberland Area.

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During the month of April and May, 1914-15, Stars have been issued to the undermentioned;—

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No. 252 Sergt.-Major W. Dresser.
,, 202 Q.M.S. S. Ambury.
,, 2346 O.R.Q.M.S. J. Wardle.
,, 5792 C.S.M. J. Cochran.
,, 5781 C.S.M. F. B. Lee.
,, 3773 Sgt. T. Bloxham.
,, 2748 Sgt. J. Paradise.
,, 3674 Sgt. J. W. Lewis.
,, 3894 Cpl. G. Knapp.
,, 5892 Pte. H. P. Manley.
,, 4648 Pte. G. E. Robson.
,, 3804 Pte. J. W. Hall.
,, 3715 Pte. G. H. Rayment.

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The Meritorious Medal was presented to Coy.-Sergt.-Major Cochran.

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Long Service and Good Conduct Medals have been awarded to:—

Lieut. W. Taylor.
Lieut. W. Watson (now retired).
O.R.Q.M.S. Fenton (now discharged).
C.S.M. H. Stanley (6th Batt. T.F.).

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The following Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers have joined and departed from the Depôt during the month:—

No. 97715	Sgt. J. J. Chapman, from Hospital ..	29/4/20
,, 136	Sgt. N. Ord, discharged the Service ..	30/4/20
,, 6080	C.Q.M.S. B. Litchfield, join from 40th Batt.	6/5/20
,, 89199	Sgt. T. D. Parks, discharged the Service ..	4/5/20
,, 93962	Sgt. J. B. McCrae, discharged the Service	30/4/20
,, 99399	C.Q.M.S. A. Larkin, discharged the Service	4/5/20
,, 90323	C.Q.M.S. T. Lilley, discharged the Service	5/5/20
,, 90453	Sgt. T. W. Phillips, joined from Hospital	10/5/20
,, 76426	C.S.M. H. Duncan, joined ex.-40th Batt.	10/5/20
,, 810	Sgt. H. Pawsey, proceeded overseas on posting to the Nigeria Regt.	7/4/20

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Promotions and Appointments:—

No. 2346	Tempy.-Q.M.S. J. Wardle, promoted W.O. Class II. (Q.M.S., O.R.S.) with effect from	1/5/20
,, 923	Cpl. E. O. Ryan, appointed paid Lce.-Sgt.	1/5/20
,, 3837	Cpl. W. Evetts, promoted Sgt. and appointed Sgt.-Master-Cook from	1/5/20

No. 98112	Actg.-Cpl. R. W. Smith	Promoted Cpls., 1/5/20, to complete establishment.
,, 89964	Actg.-Cpl. F. G. Ward	
,, 17139	Actg.-Cpl. P. Howells	
,, 22293	Actg.-Cpl. B. Blackett	
,, 3894	Actg.-Cpl. G. C. Knapp	
,, 63044	Actg.-Cpl. F. Dixon	
,, 88963	Actg.-Cpl. J. D. Evans	
,, 98158	Actg.-Cpl. D. Blakey	

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The following is a copy of a letter received by Capt. A. C. Milne Home, M.C., which will be of interest to the older members of the Regiment:—

"Milcrest's Hotel,
"Ullswater,
"Cumberland.

"My Grandfather, though retired in 1832, did not die till 1873 and was a fine old soldier till the last. We have a fine seal given him by the Regiment, 'Rose, Thistle and Shamrock' with 'God save the King' engraved round it.

"This was the only 'oath' he ever used in days when all the Officers swore hard; he was known in the Regiment as 'Old God save the King.' Unfortunately I don't remember him, but the stories of him in the family are legion.

"(Signed) Ethel Gower."

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The Games Tournament has at last come to an end. It might have been the weather, it might have been the work, it might have been something that rhymes with "pig's ear," but certainly interest seemed to flag in the various games as the final stages were reached. The final of the Billiards provided a well fought out game, the emulation at times being intense, but C.S.M. Cochran had in the end to acknowledge defeat. Col.-Sgt. (O.R.S.) Letchfield, the D.L.I., running out the winner by a small margin. Some say that "the Gods were good," but others say "the Handicappers" 'twas ever thus.

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The winners and runners up in the other games were as follows:—

Draughts.—1st, Sgt. Fennemore, 2nd, Sgt. Featherstone, 5th Fusiliers.

Cribb.—1st, R.S.M. Gray, D.L.I.; 2nd, Sgt. Paradise, 5th Fusiliers.

Dominoes.—1st, C.S.M. Joyce, D.L.I.; 2nd, Sgt. North, 5th Fusiliers.

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On the 17th May, in connection with the "Billiards Day" in aid of St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind, we had a "Flying Handicap." The entries were good (which was the main idea) but the starters were rather backward. The game was more a test of memory than of billiards, and produced some amusing incidents, and when the marker frequently shouted "Bust, start afresh," the remarks of the competitor concerned were at times none too kind. In the final round R.S.M. Gray, D.L.I., defeated C.S.M. Watson, 5th Fusiliers.

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The whole of the entrance fees were handed over to the local Secretary of the Billiard Association.

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The quest for the goldfishes is over. The member of the Mess, after reaching the "height of his ambition," suddenly discovered that they were only "Bubbles."

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We were pleased to see our old friend Bob Ball (late Sergeant-Drummer, 3rd Battalion) during the month.

5th BATTALION NOTES.

The Unit having been re-formed and the officers and Permanent Staff appointed, we now await the time when our future rank and file have made themselves acquainted with the new conditions of service and have decided to accept them by joining up. Lieut.-Col. Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., has been appointed to the command of the Battalion and Maj. H. Luhrs, C.M.G., Second-in-Command.

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Both these officers have commanded the Unit in the Field with distinction. They are faced with the stiff problem of filling up the ranks, and, despite the fact that public support is at present lacking, they are confident that during the next few months old comrades will re-join bringing with them young recruits to maintain the traditions built up by the Battalion in three and a half years of fighting in France.

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The rush of commissioned ranks anxious to resume their connection in an official capacity is a most pleasing part in the re-organization of the Battalion, and the waiting list of officers is a long one.

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Captain and Adjutant J. D. Butler, M.B.E., of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, joined us for duty on March 17th—a happy coincidence.

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The anticipated rush of recruits so far has not materialised, up to the present only 100 men having signed on. Even the

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persuasive genius of one Instructor who endeavoured to minimise the apparent risk attending the rejoining of a soldier in receipt of a Temporary or Permanent Disability Pension was not good enough to "bag" his man, for the latter, too, had been a "Tommy," and he who lives, lives to learn

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Many days have been spent in endeavouring to impress the public by a careful and dexterous display of ornamentation outside our various Drill Halls, "Camouflage extraordinary" so we were told. "The display of recruiting posters would have indeed done credit to any camouflage artist in the field," but beyond this praise "Geordie" in many cases passed by with a twinkle in his eye and it was necessary to try further inducement, this time of a material nature.

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And so St. George's Day was a day of joy.

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Thanks to the arduous work of Sergt.-Major Mellors and Company-Sergt.-Majors Poole and Beck, the Hall at Walker was splendidly decorated, the floor wonderfully polished and, with the assistance of the band of the local Old Comrades' Association, a most successful dance was held, there being over 500 of the past and present members of the Battalion present.

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Amongst the trophies arranged for show on the day was a 5.9 German Howitzer, upon which, with the inventive genius of the Permanent Staff, an elaborately arranged platform was erected for the band of twelve musicians to symphonise upon. A large Trench Mortar which, but for the fact that it was really German, might well have been taken for a "find" from amongst the Slough Works, looked quite innocent. Two days was spent upon its erection and although many "prayers" were offered in the course of those two days, there was never a whisper back. It had doubtless spoken too well!

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A wreath was placed upon the War Memorial in Newcastle on St. George's Day in memory of our fallen comrades. The Colonel, Major Phillips and Major Tweedy and several other officers attended the ceremony.

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There was a great re-union of the officers of the Battalion at Dinner at the Station Hotel, Newcastle, on St. George's night, at the close of which most of the officers motored to Walker and joined the Dance.

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We thank The Editor, General Riddle and the 4th, 6th and 7th Batts. for their telegrams and good wishes on St. George's Day.

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Our perseverance has indeed been remarkable and despite all disappointments the 5th Batt. still heads the list for the highest number of recruits, and, at time of going to press, our strength equals the remainder of the Brigade put together.

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By the time that the decorators have finished all the Halls and the Battalion is at full strength, which dates are likely to coincide, the Staff will have earned a full reward for meritorious service rendered.

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We hope to be able to report next month that there is a "boom" in recruiting.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st May, 1920.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1918 and 1919.

We have been asked to call the attention of our readers through this column to the hopelessly antiquated condition of the 1st Battalion address book, owing to which many invitations to the St. George's Day celebrations sent to addresses therein contained were returned through the dead letter office and many others were not answered. It would be of great assistance if all concerned would send their address (as permanent a one as possible) to the Mess President, 1st Battalion, 5th Fusiliers, Guadaloupe Barracks, Bordon, Hants. We may add that it is only to be expected that this address book is out of date in spite of all efforts made to bring it up to date, as it has not been used since 1914.

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We are glad to publish in this number the first lot of notes from the Territorial Battalion since those dark days of military censorship. We sincerely hope that the other three Battalions will follow suit and make this magazine the means of informing the Regimental world of their doings month by month.

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While on this subject we must again regretfully call attention to a grave shortage of copy. Will budding authors please note and do a bit of blossoming forthwith?

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We have received an advance copy of the *History of the 19th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers.* Unfortunately we have not been able to read it with sufficient thoroughness for review purposes, as we have been away from the Editorial chair for some three weeks. We hope, however, to be in a position to review the book in the June Number. In the meantime we are asked to state that copies have been posted to all the *known* addresses of the next of kin of those who fell while with the Battalion and that the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce is presenting a copy of the volumne to all Officers who served with the Battalion and to all men who enlisted in it prior to August, 1915, and who served overseas with the 19th Battalion or any other Unit. The first distribution will be made at a "Smoking Concert" to be arranged by the Comrades League, and any Officers or men unable to attend may have the history posted to him if he will send a stamped (6d) and addressed label to:—

Capt. Stabell, M.C.,
5, Balmoral Terrace,
Gosforth,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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Subscriptions due in June:—

C.S.M. W. A. Paine	Mr. G. Ashton
Mr. A. Kenefic	Capt. T. A. Oakshott

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Lieut. J. I. Atkinson	2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
Master F. Baxter (2nd Batt.)	Miss E. G. Johnstone
Mrs. Bird (2nd Batt.)	Bt. Lieut.-Col. Kershaw, D.S.O.
W. Boyd, Esq.	Mr. D. Kay (2nd Batt.)
No. 9939 Cpl. S. Carter	Mrs. A. Langhorn (2nd Batt.)
Mr. J. Dodds (2nd Batt.)	Mr. Lynch (2nd Batt.)
Capt. T. R. Ellison, M.C.	Lieut. W. Smart
Mr. Grant (2nd Batt.)	Mrs. Quinn (2nd Batt.)

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"Quo fata vocant."

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We beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of copies of the following papers:—

"The London Scottish Regimental Journal"
"The Sprig of Shillelagh"
"The Snapper"
"The Green Howard's Gazette"
"The Sapper"
"The Oak Tree"
"The R.A.S.C. Magazine"
"Journal of the Royal Artillery"
"The Globe and Laurel"
"The Gunner"
"The Hampshire Regimental Journal"

The Editor begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscriptions and payments for *Gazettes*, etc., from:—

Lieut.-Col. J. A. C. Somerville	to 12/20	Lieut. H. A. Ingledew	to 5/21
Maj.-Gen. T. H. Shoubridge, C.M.G. D.S.O.	„ 12/20	Maj. Le Gallais	„ 5/21
Col.-Sgt. J. Pearce ..	„ 4/21	C.Q.M.S. A. Pain	„ 6/21
Lieut.-Col. W. R. Ritson	„ 4/21	Maj. K. O. Foster ..	„ 6/21
Lieut. The Hon. E. C. Crofton	„ 4/21	Maj. H. W. Archer ..	„ 6/21
Lieut. B. R. Newstead, D.S.O., M.C.	„ 4/21	P.R.I., Depôt	*Gazettes*
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		O.C., 5th Battalion ..	*Gazettes*
		Brig.-Gen. C. H. L. James, C.B.	*Gazettes*

BIRTHS.

CRUDDAS.—On the 19th June, the wife of Maj. B. Cruddas, 5th Fusiliers—a daughter.

KERSHAW.—On the 31st May, at Heath Cottage, Hertford Heath, Hertford, the wife of Maj. (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., 5th Fusiliers—a son.

MURRAY.—On the 27th May, 1920, at Peepy, Stocksfield, Northumberland, to Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Murray (nee Emily Atkins)—a son.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

STAFF.

The following appointments are made:—

A.G.'s AND Q.M.'s STAFF.

D.A.A.G.—Maj. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., North. Fusrs. (dated 20th May).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Capt. and Bt. Maj. E. L. Salier, M.C., is seconded for service under the Colonial Office (dated 21st April).

The restoration to the estbt. of Lieut. A. H. Gatehouse, M.C., notified in *Gazette* of 27th February is cancelled.

The following Lieuts. are seconded for service with the W. African R. (dated 5th June):—C. E. Hamilton, E. G. Pease, M.C.

Lieut. J. Bailey retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 8th June).

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Capt. S. S. Flower to be Maj. (dated 23rd April, 1917).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following relinquish their commissions:—

Lieut. H. S. Maughan (dated 1st April), and retains rank of Lieut.

Lieut. C. Pierrepoint (dated 1st April), and retains rank of Lieut.

Lieut. E. Carr (dated 1st May), and retains rank of Lieut.

Lieut. J. F. Egan (dated 22nd April), and retains rank of Lieut.

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Capt. D. P. Fagan relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th April), and retains rank of Capt.

Tempy. Capt. R. C. Mayall, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 18th April), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. W. S. Wray relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 16th June), and retains rank of Lieut.

Lieut. G. White, M.C., relinquishes the tempy. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with a Ser. Batt. (dated 24th March) (substituted for *Gazette* notification, 5th May, specifying date as 3rd March).

Tempy. Lieut. P. Forsyth relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd Jany., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. C. W. Masters relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 28th Jany., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. B. Horner relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 25th March), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. W. S. Banks relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th April, 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. A. L. Moore relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th May), and is granted rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. E. F. Taylor relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 17th April, 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. U. Alexander, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 18th June), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. A. Paterson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th Feby., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. G. F. Docherty relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 10th May), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. E. Simmonds to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 14th Feby.); tempy. Lieut. J. E. Simmonds relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st March), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Heslop to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby., 1919), with prec. next below J. H. Howson.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. S. Robinson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 25th March).

Tempy. Lieut. F. J. McCluskey is restored to the estbt. (dated 23rd Feby.); tempy. Lieut. R. L. B. Shutt relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd May), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. R. S. Robinson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 5th May), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. Bennson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next below J. MacD. Innes tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. W. Ellis resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 1st June, 1918).

ARMIES OF OCCUPATION.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

BEDF. AND HERTS. R.—51st Batt.—Tempy. Capt. G. White, M.C. (North. Fusrs., Ser. Batt.) (Lieut., North. Fusrs.), relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be 2nd-in-Cmnd. of the Batt. (dated 24th March). (Substituted for *Gazette* notification 27th April, specifying date as 3rd March.)

53rd Batt.—Lieut. J. W. Crake (6th Batt., T.F.) relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 26th Oct., 1919).

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following tempy. appointment is made:—

BRIG. COMDR.—Bt. Lieut.-Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Rif. Brig., and to be tempy. Col. while so emplyd. (dated 7th May).

4th Batt.—Lieut. P. L. Hunting is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be empld. with the Royal Air Force (dated 18th June); Lieut. C. B. Marshall is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Royal Air Force (dated 18th June).

4th Batt.—Lieut. H. C. F. Drader, M.C., is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the Tank Corps (dated 22nd June).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. Cook to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919); Lieut. H. Cook relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 28th Aug., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut. (substituted for that which appeared in *Gazette* of 27th Aug., 1919).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. G. K. Lawton to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919).

5th Batt.—Lieut. T. A. Herdman, from 4th Batt. to be Lieut. (dated 17th June); Lieut. J. G. Garrard, M.C., from T.F. Res., to be Lieut. (dated 17th June).

5th Batt.—Capt. W. H. Leete is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the R.A.F. (dated 13th April, 1919); Capt. S. Moffett, M.C., is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the M.G.C. (dated 22nd June).

6th Batt.—Capt. J. H. McI. Gordon, M.C., 4th Gordon Highrs., to be Adjt. (dated 13th May).

6th Batt.—Capt. M. G. F. Richardson is restored to estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd with R.A.F. (dated 25th June).

6th Batt.—Lieut. E. H. Macfayden, from 4th Batt., to be Lieut. (dated 1st June).

6th Batt.—Lieut. M. G. Morrison is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the M.G.C. (dated 29th May); Lieut. H. Robey is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the M.G.C. (dated 29th May).

7th Batt.—Capt. H. B. Speke, O.B.E., from 4th Batt., to be Capt. (dated 8th June).

7th Batt.—Lieut. P. D. Evans is restored to the estbt. (dated 21st May).

7th Batt.—Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the M.G.C. (dated 22nd June).

7th Batt.—Lieut. C. A. Karstel is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the M.G.C. (dated 29th May); Lieut. D. McAllister is restored to the estbt. (dated 18th April).

7th Batt.—Lieut. C. D. Williams relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 21st April), and retains rank of Lieut. (Substitued for that which appeared in *Gazette* of 20th April.)

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. Currie relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 29th Nov., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. M. Yool resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 1st April, 1918).

ESTABLISHMENT.

PHYSICAL TRAINING.—ASST. SUPT.—Lieut. R. Edgeworth-Johnston, North. Fusrs., relinquishes his tempy. appt. and the tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 27th March).

GALLANT SERVICE IN THE FIELD.

FURTHER LIST OF MENTIONS.

A Supplement to the *London Gazette* dated 11th June (No. 31,938) has just been published containing the following additional names which have been brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for distinguished, gallant and valuable services and devotion to duty in various fields of operations:—

By Gen. H. S. Lord Rawlinson, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G., A.D.C., General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Allied Forces, North Russia, in his despatch of 11th November, 1919. (Published in the *Supplement* of the *London Gazette*, dated 3rd Feby. (No. 31,764):—

ARCHANGEL.

Lieut. (tempy. Capt.) A. Palmer, D.S.O., 6th Batt. North. Fusrs. (T.F.).

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

June has been an uneventful month for the Battalion. There has been no excitement and very little cricket and sport, while the numbers both of Officers and men are steadily decreasing, which makes the arranging of sport of any kind very difficult.

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Lieut.-Col. Wild, D.S.O., has left us to take up a billet in private life after 25 years in the Regiment. He was one of those unlucky ones, who, being at the Depôt when the South African War broke out, was kept there training reinforcements for the 1st and 2nd Battalions. Later he was Adjutant of the 4th Battalion which was raised at that time. He took over command of the 1st Battalion in August, 1915, near Ypres, and gained the D.S.O. at the successful attack on St. Eloi. Rejoining the Battalion at Durrington on the 30th July, 1919, he took over the arduous job of a P.R.I. in the reconstruction period, which was not a bed of roses. We wish him the best of luck in his new venture and hope that he will come and tell us all about it some day.

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The Transport seems always to provide us with a little relief from the daily round. A G.S. waggon took the Band's instruments down to the Officers' Cricket Ground on the last occasion that they played out there, and just as it was unloaded a motor passed and frightened the horses which ran away. When they arrived at the Cemetery they tried to jump the railings, and the driver was thrown inside with great velocity. Most appropriately he landed on a tombstone, which bore in large letters, "R.I.P."

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On Saturday, the 5th June, the Battalion paraded under Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O., and having marched to Oxney Common with the remainder of the Brigade fired a "Furious Joy" in honour of His Majesty's birthday. The G.O.C., 1st Division, then took the salute as we marched past, and after the parade congratulated Col. Wild on the steadiness on parade and good marching of the troops and the excellent saluting of the Officers, all of which were evidently up to Regimental standard. The Companies were commanded by Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., Capt. H. I. Powell, Capt. P. Sidney and Lieut. R. E. D. O'Dowd. The Colours were carried by Lieut. W. H. N. Dent and 2nd-Lieut. C. E. J. Whiting.

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We have received a Draft of recruits to the number of 11. No real live recruit has reached us from the Depôt

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for over six months. We need many more or there is a danger of our fading away like the old soldiers which we are not.

"The British Army's small enough as everybody knows,
If England's ever called upon to cope with foreign foes,
It will not be our numbers, but 'twill be *esprit de corps*
That'll pull us thro' our troubles, as it's often done before,"

so wrote "Andrew Jackson" in 1898 and subsequent events have often proved the truth of this saying, but we should like a few more people to whom we can quote Andrew Jackson and other writers.

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Polo has been played regularly by its devotees in the Regiment, and there are now five privately owned ponies.

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The lawn tennis courts are being worked hard and unfortunately are becoming a little bald in places. The *En tout cas* Courts at the Officers' Cricket Ground are now finished and ready for play. The Sergeants also are taking up lawn tennis and challenged the Officers to a match.

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This took place on the Sergeants' Courts on the 19th June and the Officers proved somewhat too strong for the Sergeants. The following represented the Officers:—

1st Pair.—Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O.
Capt. H. I. Powell.

2nd Pair.—Lieut. W. H. N. Dent.
2nd-Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall.

3rd Pair.—Lieut. R. Alexander.
2nd-Lieut. C. S. Graham.

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The Sergeants were represented by:—

1st Pair.—Q.M.S. Adlard.
Sgt. Grundy.

2nd Pair.—C.S.M. Avery.
Sgt. Doolan.

3rd Pair.—Q.M.S. Pack.
Drum-Major Brace.

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The results of the sets were as follows:—

DOUBLES.

Officers' 1st pair defeated Sergeants' 1st pair 6—3, 7—5.
2nd pair 6—0, 6—0.
3rd pair 6—1, 6—0.

Officers' 2nd pair defeated Sergeants' 1st pair—
6—0, 3—6, 6—4.
2nd pair 6—1, 6—1.
3rd pair 6—0, 6—0.

Officers' 3rd pair lost to Sergeants' 1st pair 1—6, 1—6.
defeated 2nd pair 7—5.
3rd pair 8—6, 9—7.

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For the first time probably in the history of the Regiment we have a Bowling Team. We were challenged by the civilian team of Passfield, and after a trial game to discover what talent we possessed, the following team was chosen:—Cpl. Reed, Pte. Reed, Pte. Ginnever, Pte. Bray, Pte. McCormack, Pte. Bennett.

The first game was played at Bordon on the Garrison Green on the 5th June, and the whole team played a great game which resulted in an easy victory for us. Scores:—5th Fusiliers, 84 points; Passfield Oak, 48 points.

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The return match was played at the Passfield Oak on the 12th June. Unfortunately this game had to be postponed owing to the rain which poured down from the start to the finish of play, when the 5th Fusiliers were leading by one point.

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On the 19th June the postponed game was played out in glorious weather at Passfield, and unfortunately ended in the defeat of the FIFTH by 16 points.

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The Band came back on the 7th June from its first important engagement this season at Hastings. They had a very successful time and played to large and highly appreciative audiences. The Municipal Authorities sent a letter of appreciation to the Commanding Officer, specially noting the smart appearance of the Band.

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The Inter-Company Boxing Shield has arrived; it is made of oak with a silver centre piece in relief showing a fight. Above the centre piece is the Regimental Crest and a scroll, "1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers, Company Boxing Shield," and below, the inscription, "Presented by the late Capt. A. C. Hart, killed in action near Ypres, 8th May, 1915." Around the edge are twelve small silver shields, on which will be engraved the Companies winning the Shield.

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Arrivals and departures:—

Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.C., posted to the Battalion, dated 20th May, 1920.

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Lieut. R. Alexander, M.M., posted to the Battalion, 3rd June, 1920.

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Lieut. J. V. A. Bailey retires, receiving a gratuity, 8th June, 1920.

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Lieut. E. G. Pease, M.C., having embarked for West Africa is struck off the strength, 5th June, 1920.

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No. 2814	Cpl. H. Wiles	Discharged	26/5/20
,, 42006	Cpl. E. Hudson	Posted from Depôt	3/6/20
,, 60720	Cpl. H. Sweetman	,, ,,	3/9/20
,, 76046	Lce.-Cpl. R. King	,, ,,	3/6/20

SPORTS.

We have been doing quite well in Athletic Sports recently. At the "Queen's" Regimental Sports held at Aldershot on the 5th June, Pte. Golightly, X Coy., carried off first prize for the Open Mile, beating C.S.M. Clark, of the H.L.I., on the post by two yards, which was a very creditable performance, and to quote a local paper "brought yet another honour to the Old and Bold." Time: 4 mins. 49 secs.

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On the 19th Pte. Golightly again competed in the Open

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Mile, this time at the Cavalry Brigade Sports. After a most exciting race C.S.M. Evans beat him in the last lap so Pte. Golightly had to be satisfied with second place.

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No. 6 Group A.C.A.A. Sports were held on the Garrison Sports Ground on the 21st and 22nd June, and once more the Battalion did well as the following results show:—

On the first day the preliminary heats and one or two finals were run.

Results:—Half Mile (final).—1st, Pte. Golightly.
Three Miles (final).—1st, Pte. Stewart.
220 Yards (heats).—3rd, Cpl. Reed.
Putting the Weight.—3rd, Drum-Maj. Brace.

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On the second day three marquees had been put up, two tea tents for the Officers and the W.O.'s and Sergeants, and one refreshment tent for the men. The weather was very fine and the attendance good. The Band of the 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers played selections during the meeting and Brig.-Gen. A. C. Daly, C.B., C.M.G., presented the medals and the prizes for the children's events.

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Results of the second day's sport:—

Mile.—1st, Pte. Golightly.
220 Yards.—3rd, Cpl. Reed.
Veterans' Race.—1st, C.S.M. Shipley.
Boys' Race.—3rd, Boy Whittenham.
Relay Race.—1st, 5th Fusiliers.

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The Relay Race was most exciting, and everyone ran exceedingly well, Ptes. Stewart and Golightly in particular.

Team:—C.S.M. Shipley, C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, Sgt. Grundy, Sgt. Calvert, Cpl. Reed, Pte. Golightly, Pte. Stewart.

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Great credit is due to C.S.M. Shipley for the efficient interest that he has taken in training the competitors. On the 3rd and 4th July the Command Sports are being held in Aldershot and we are looking forward to carrying off quite a few events, and there should be little difficulty if the same form is shown there as was displayed at the Garrison Meeting.

CRICKET.

In the Garrison Inter-Battalion League we played the 5th Brigade R.F.A., on the Officers' Ground, on the 16th June. We won the toss and decided to bat.

Capt. Powell had a short and merry time; in succession he hit a four, a six and a four, and then was bowled. Capt. E. G. M. Buckley and Lieut. H. F. Attwater made a long stand and the former hit freely all round the wicket while the latter kept his end up with commendable patience. When the tea interval arrived the score was 95 for 4, which seemed quite promising. After tea, however, wickets fell more easily, and our tail once more refused to wag. People do not seem to realise that it is fatal to smite wildly at their first ball without finding out first what sort of a bowler they are up against. They cannot tell from the boundary line what the bowling really is like, and batsmen who can get their eye in before they have played a ball are very rare, and certainly not to be found in the tail of the Regimental Team.

The Gunners batted well, and thanks to Maj. Adam, who played a fine innings, beat us by three wickets and three runs, after we played an extra half hour to decide the match. Anything might have happened right up to the last minute for six wickets were down for 90. Our fielding could be improved, and fewer runs would be scored against us if bowlers refrained from such practices as bowling on the leg side to batsmen whose speciality is leg play.

Result:—5th Brigade R.F.A., 122 runs (for 7 wkts.).

1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers, 119 runs.

5TH FUSILIERS.

Lieut. H. F. Attwater, b Lieut. Sherbourne	27
Sgt. Grundy, lbw, b Lieut. Garratt	2
Capt. Powell, b Maj. Adams	17
Capt. Buckley, b Lieut. Sherbourne	54
C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, b Lieut. Sherbourne	0
Q.M.S. Pack, b Lieut. Sherbourne	11
Dmr.-Maj. Brace, b Lieut. Garratt	1
Sgt. Young, b Lieut. Sherbourne	0
Pte. Purcell, c Lieut. Barron	0
Sgt. Walsh, b Lieut. Sherbourne	0
Bdsm. Obey, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	119

Lieut. Garratt, 2 for 44; Lieut. Sherbourne, 6 for 26.

5TH BRIGADE R.F.A.

Maj. Adam, not out	57
Lieut. Hobbs, b Capt. Powell	2
Lieut. Barron, b Pte. Purcell	4
Lieut. Garratt, c Pte. Purcell	2
Lieut. Sherbourne, b Bdsm. Obey	15
Lieut. Morgan, b Pte. Purcell	0
Sgt. Buss, b Pte. Purcell	5
Lieut. Blanche, b Capt. Powell	12
Gunr. Murray, not out	7
Gunr. Tidgwell, did not bat	0
Lieut. Fisher, did not bat	0
Total (for 7 wkts.)	122

Capt. Powell, 3 for 30; Pte. Purcell, 3 for 44.

Inter-Company Knock-Out Competition, 2nd June, 1920.

W Coy. 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers *v.* C Coy., 1st Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers.

W Coy., 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers won by 22 runs.

W COY. 1ST BAT. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. H. A. Attwater, b Percival	5
Sgt. Bartlett, b Percival	0
Lieut. F. A. Price, b Watkins	5
C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, lbw, b Percival	0
Sgt. Brace, b Percival	4
Sgt. Flatcher, c McKie, b Watkins	2
Pte. Mitchell, b Percival	0
Sgt. Doolan, c and b Percival	10
Sgt. Brooks, lbw, b Percival	2
Pte. Seville, c Cropp, b Watkins	0
Pte. Burn, not out	3
Extras	7
Total	38

Bowling:—Percival, 7 for 19; Watkins, 3 for 12.

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C COY. 1ST BATT. ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

Sgt. McCutcheon, c Doolan, b Bartlett	1
Cpl. McKie, b O'Hara	0
Cpl. Adams, c Brace, b O'Hara	0
C.S.M. Cropp, b Bartlett	0
Pte. Watkins, b Bartlett	3
Pte. Percival, c Flatcher, b O'Hara	4
Sgt. Tippett, b Bartlett	0
Pte. McGregor, run out	0
Pte. Hill, b O'Hara	0
Lce.-Cpl. Acres, c Mitchell, b O'Hara	0
Pte. Catchpole, not out	2
Extras	6
Total	16

Bowling:—O'Hara, 5 for 4; Bartlett, 4 for 6.

Z COY. 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* B COY. 1ST ROYAL SCOTS FUSILIERS.

Z COY. 1ST BATT. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. O'Dowd, b Hills	3
Sgt. Loder, c Lce.-Cpl. Picton	7
Sgt. Walsh, c Picton	0
Pte. Brown, c Adams	2
Sgt. Gale, c Moore	7
Bdsm. Peppiatt, b Hills	2
Bdsm. Obey, c Adams	15
Poole, b Moore	15
Cpl. Walton, c and b Picton	10
Bdsm. Terry, c Moore	15
Bdsm. Hackett, not out	1
Total (for 10 wckts.)	92

B Coy. 1st Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers, 87 for 9 wickets.
Z Coy. 5th Fusiliers won by 1 wicket and 5 runs.

(*We cannot make the above result anything like what it claims to be but no doubt those in the know will be quite able to solve the problem!!—Editor, "St. George's Gazette."*)

X COY. 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* 81ST BATTERY R.F.A.

X COY. 1ST BATT. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Cpl. Thompson b Hansen	0
Sgt. Barnett, run out	1
C.S.M. Bradford, b Lieut. Morgan	2
Capt. Powell, b Lieut. Morgan	2
Pte. Sidney, c	0
Lieut. Graham, c	1
Pte. Stewart, c	1
Pte. Jones, c	0
Pte. Riches, c	0
Pte. Purcell, not out	3
Pte. McCullagh, b Lieut. Morgan	4
Extras	6
Total	20

81st Batty. R.F.A., 53. Won by 33 runs.

Y COY. 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* 64TH BATTERY R.F.A.

Y COY. 1ST BATT. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

C.S.M. Every, c Tasker	6
Lieut. Dent, b Tasker	3
Sgt. Maunder, run out	4
Sgt. Young, c Blanche	18
Cpl. Bird, c Saant	6
Lieut. Whiting, c Blanche	7
Sgt. Bellamy, st. Barron	1
Dmr.-Maj. Hebbron, run out	0
Cpl. Reed, b Blanche	1
Sgt. Clare, b Barron	1
Lce.-Cpl. Pearson, not out	4
Extras	13
Total	64

64th Battery R.F.A., 94 (for 6 wckts.).
Y Coy. 5th Fusiliers lost by 4 wickets and 30 runs.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On "Derby Day" many members of the Mess and their wives journeyed to Epsom by char-a-banc. After a comfortable ride through beautiful country, we joined the long procession of vehicles slowly making their way on to the Downs. Many of the members had not been to Epsom before and were amazed at the wonderful sight, the thousands of motors, hundreds of thousands of people, and all the little sideshows made a scene that will never be forgotten. After a splendid lunch we commenced to spot the winners (although we had the Regimental tipster with us) but, according to the weight of our pockets when we arrived home, our spotting was at fault. After a very pleasant day's outing we arrived home about 22.00 hours.

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Great praise is due to C.S.M. Graham for the way in which the trip was carried out and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the glorious day they had spent on Epsom Downs.

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We challenged the Officers at tennis but were badly beaten for our impudence, the Sergeants' winning only one game out of nine.

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The games were thoroughly enjoyed by all and we hope that we shall be able to enjoy many more.

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We are sure that with a little more practice the team will be able to beat all comers. During the matches the following distinguished themselves:—Cpl. Reed, Pte. Reed and Pte. McCormack. We are looking forward to fulfilling a few more fixtures in the near future.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

With the arrival of three Corporals from the Depôt and a few more who have been promoted Lance-Corporal, or rather appointed to this dizzy height, things are much more cheerful, and we pass some very enjoyable evenings together.

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Unfortunately our whist drives which had been arranged had to be put off owing to a large number of Corporals having been sent on a course at Shorncliffe; this postponement was received with great satisfaction by the married men as the subscriptions were rather stiff, which possibly meant their better halves would have to spend an evening at home occasionally. However, we look forward to having at least one or two in the near future, when again we hope to entertain the nobility of Bordon.

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We have not started our cricket team yet and it is quite possible we shall not do so this season, as the football season will soon be in, and it appears hardly worth while, although we find some of our best talent playing in the Company matches.

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We tender our best wishes to the Corporals of the 2nd Battalion, who no doubt by now have become acclimatised, and to those who marched from Tekrit to Mosul our deepest sympathy is offered as it is not very many months ago when many of us were in Mosul.

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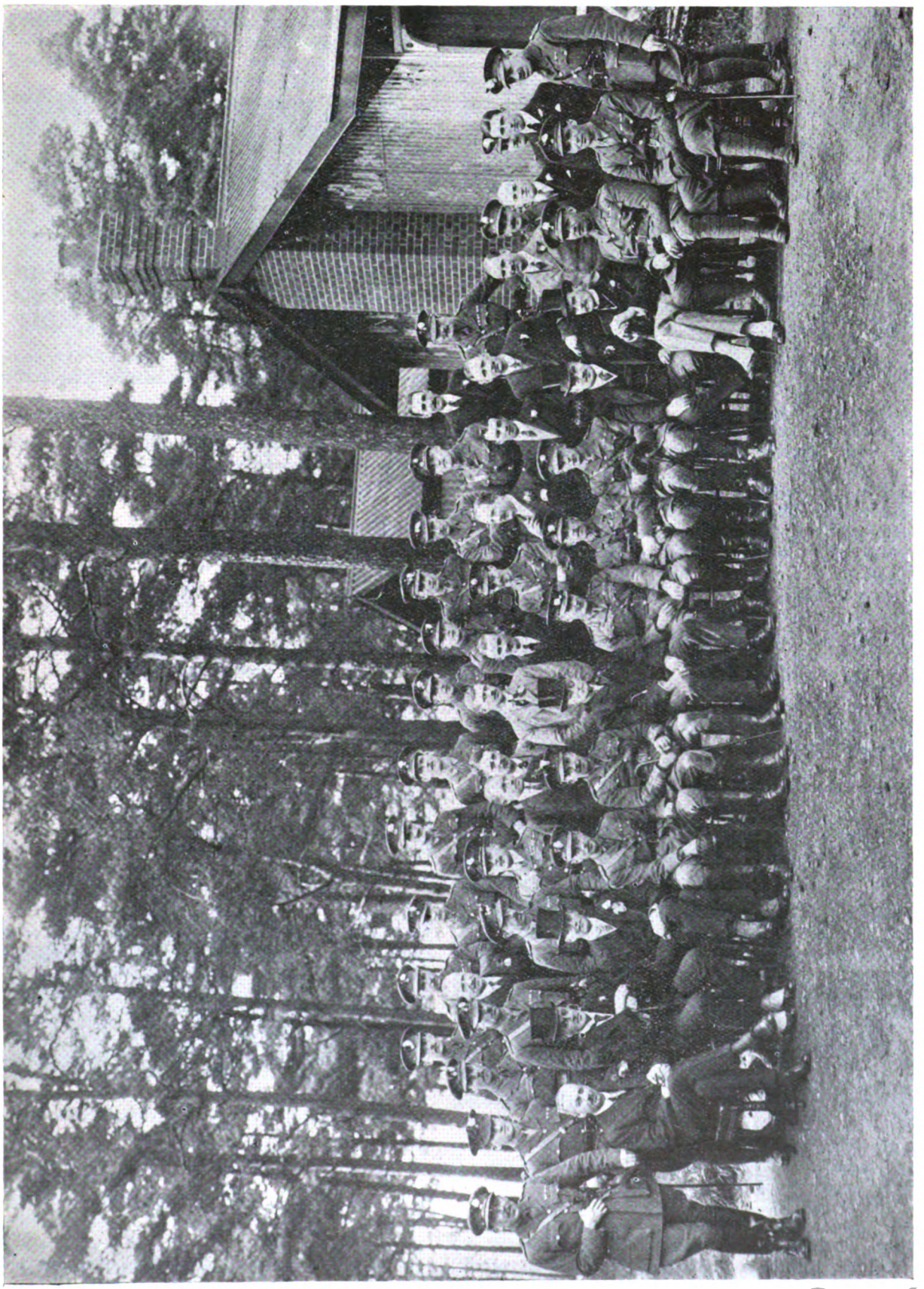

OFFICERS, PAST AND PRESENT, TAKEN AT HORDEN, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1920.

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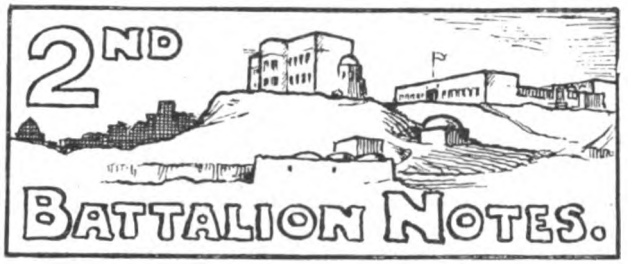
OFFICERS' MESS, MOSUL.



MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
22nd May, 1920.

One wonders whether St. George's Day will ever be celebrated again by the Regiment at a place so near to the birthplace of St. George, *i.e.*, Joppa, as was the case this year. Since writing our last notes, the chief event of the month was naturally St. George's Day.

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The weather had been ominous for four or five days previously with thunder and lightning and torrential showers on the eve of the great day, in fact, Officers who were practising sheathing and unsheathing their swords behind the Mess building had on one occasion to cease doing so owing to the lightning. However, the 23rd of April opened with a beautiful blue sky and the weather was perfect.

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The Trooping of the Colours took place at 8 a.m. and was witnessed by quite a large gathering of spectators including the British and Indian Officers and troops of the various units of the garrison.

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The parade was commanded by Bt. Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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The Escort to the Colours was under the command of Lieut. C. H. Cooper, M.C., the King's Colour being carried by 2nd-Lieut. G. C. Humphreys, the Regimental Colour by 2nd-Lieut. H. N. Hopper, and the Drummers Colour by Boy Vincent.

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After the Commanding Officer had taken the salute in the March Past, the Battalion advanced in Review Order and gave the General Salute which was taken by our Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. T. Fraser, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., Commanding the 18th (Indian) Division.

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After the parade the Officers were "At Home" to breakfast to over 100 guests.

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Amongst those who witnessed the parade were the following:—Maj.-Gen. T. Fraser, C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., and Officers, Headquarters Staff 18th (Indian) Division, Col. A. Paley, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Officers, Headquarters Staff, 54th Infantry Brigade, Lieut.-Col. C. B. M. Sarel and Officers, XI. (K.E.O.) Bengal Lancers, Lieut.-Col. J. F. Turner, D.S.O., R.E., Lieut.-Col. C. P. Wynter, D.S.O., and Officers, 52nd Sikhs (F.F.), Maj. J. E. Hay and the Assyrian Battalion, Maj. G. R. Mainwaring and the Officers 1/39th Gharwal Rifles, Maj. R. N. Rasleigh, D.S.O., M.C., and the Officers 44th Battery R.F.A., Lieut.-Col. J. Edwards, D.S.O., and Officers 1/3rd Ghurka Rifles, Lieut.-Col. C. L. Carter, C.I.E., and Officers 106th Hazara Pioneers and many others.

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During the day we received telegrams of greetings from the following, and we thank them all for their kind thoughts:—The 1st Battalion, The Depôt, Editor, *St. George's Gazette*, Col. Money, C.B., Maj. H. C. Stephen, Maj. G. R. F. Leverson and Maj. K. G. Williams.

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During the end of April and the beginning of this month we have been interested in the 18th Divisional Sports Tournament which included football, hockey and a cross-country run. These games have proved of great interest.

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We were victors in one event, namely, the cross-country run, which was won by C Coy. which defeated B Coy., 1st Batt. The Rifle Brigade, by 43 points in the final.

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A detailed account of the games is given below. At present we are absorbed in the Inter-Company Football Competition.

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On the 8th May Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert joined the Battalion on posting from the Staff College, alas his stay has been a brief one as he left us a few days ago after only a ten days' visit to take up a 1st Grade Staff appointment in India. We wish him the best of luck.

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Lieut.-Col. Sandilands left us on the same day en route to England on six months' leave.

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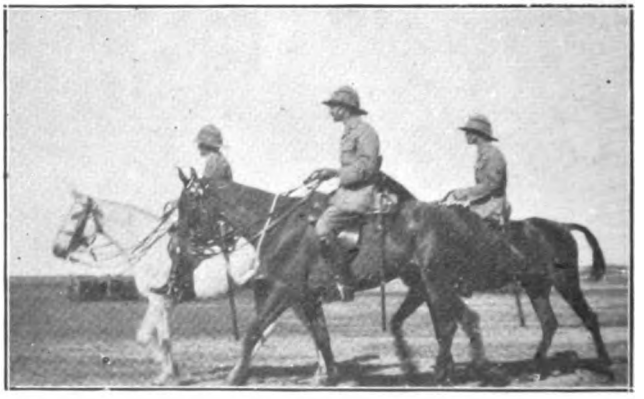

THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 2ND-IN-COMMAND AND ADJUTANT, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1920.

(Photo by the Rev. F. Beal.)

being at Baghdad or Basra, others at Shergat or Karind, and their absence makes a big hole in the Battalion.

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At present the scheme is for each Company to go to

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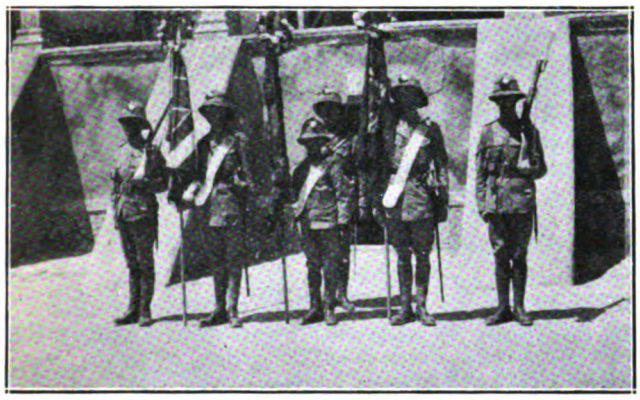
Karind, in the Persian Hills, for one month at a time and B Coy. is about to start.

Capt. Owen rejoined us on the 17th May from Baghdad after an absence of five weeks in hospital.



THE COLOUR PARTY, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1920.
(Photo by the Rev. F. Beal.)

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Maj. Stephen is Commandant of the 18th Division Rest Camp at Karind, proceeding there immediately on his return from a small war in Kurdistan where he had been acting as Commandant, Advanced Base. The expedition has now come to a close after one or two Kurdish villages had been burnt and the Kurdish morale lowered by the dropping of a few aeroplane bombs.

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We are about 80 miles from Zakho where the Khurds, who are nothing more than robber bands, are always likely to give trouble.

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The weather is beginning to get hot though up till now it has not been overpowering. Still, mosquito nets are a necessary protection at this early stage of the hot weather against mosquitoes and sand flies—especially the latter, which abound in this country.

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Mosul Races took place on the 15th and 17th May and most of the Officers were present. Mr. Fryer was our only representative who was riding but by the time that the next meeting comes round we hope to have more competitors.

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Four or five Officers have been playing polo on such horses as prove anything like suitable. If only we could get ponies or had a greater number of likely Government chargers we would have quite a number of Officers playing.

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Mosul has been quite gay in the way of dances during the month and our Band has been quite in request. The 44th Batty. R.F.A., the 52nd Sikhs (F.F.) and the Nineveh Tripe Hounds have each given a dance. The latter quite took the place of a Hunt Ball and is a well known pack in the district, hunting anything from rats to reindeer.

DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT.

ELIMINATING CONTESTS—1st ROUND.

1. A Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers *v.* D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers.

Played on the Battalion Football Ground on the 17th April. The game was very even throughout, both Companies turning out remarkably good teams. As no score had been registered when the whistle blew for time, it was decided to play extra time. During the extra time D Coy. managed to score a goal.

Final: D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 1; A Coy., 2/5th, 0.

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2. B Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers *v.* C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers.

Played on the Battalion Football Ground on the 16th April. This game also proved very even and was keenly contested. The game was mostly contested in mid-field, with occasional sallies by the opposing forwards which generally ended in nothing. However, B Coy. scored a goal in the second half and gained the victory.

Final: B Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 1; C Coy., 2/5th Fusiliers, 0.

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2nd ROUND.

3. B Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers *v.* Mosul Military Hospital.

This match was played on the Battalion Football Ground on the 27th April. The game did not prove very interesting. The fifth showed their superiority from the commencement and finally won by the handsome margin of three goals to nothing.

Final: B. Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 3; Mosul Military Hospital, 0.

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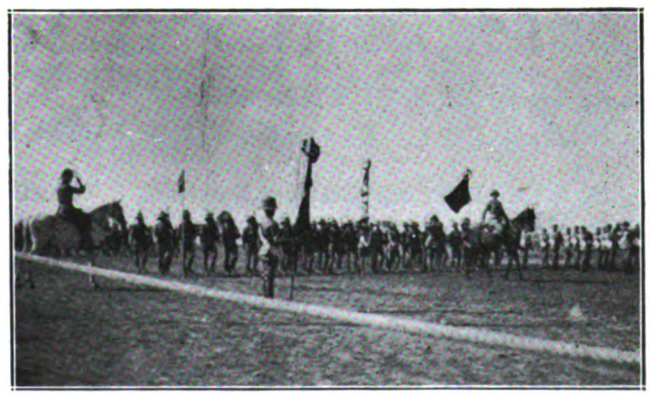
4. D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers *v.* 44th Battery R.F.A.

Played on the Battalion Ground on the 2nd May. This was an extremely keen and hard fought game. The fifth did most of the pressing and missed one or two opportunities to score. No goals were scored when the final whistle blew.



THE MARCH PAST, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1920.
(Photo by the Rev. F. Beal.)

Final: D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 0; 44th Batty. R.F.A., 0.

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5. Replayed on the Hospital Ground on the 3rd May, and resulted in a win for D Coy. by 1 goal to *nil*.

Final: D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 1; 44th Batty. R.F.A., 0.

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3RD ROUND.

6. B Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS *v.* 8TH BATTERY R.F.A.

Played on the Battalion Ground on the 4th May. The Battery had come from Tekrit with a great reputation and had a number of supporters on the touch line. The game proved very even but the gunners failed to draw equal with the FIFTH who had scored an excellent goal in the first half. In the second half the gunners proved very dangerous at times but the FIFTH managed to keep them out and won the match.

Final: B Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 1; 8th Batty. R.F.A., 0.

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SEMI-FINAL.

7. B Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS *v.* C Coy. 1ST BATT. RIFLE BRIGADE.

Played on the Battalion Football Ground on the 5th May. The game was rather a poor one. The Riflemen showed themselves victors. Their forwards combined better than the FIFTH, and at half-time the Riflemen had scored one goal. For the second half the FIFTH improved and were dangerous at times but could not score. The Riflemen added another goal, thus winning by 2 goals to *nil*.

Final: C Coy. 1st R.B., 2; B Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 0.

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8. D Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS *v.* 2ND BATTERY R.F.A.

Played on the 44th Battery R.F.A. Ground on the 5th May. Each side scored one goal in a very hard and fast game. The FIFTH missed opportunities and should have won.

Final: D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 1; 2nd Batty. R.F.A., 1.

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Replayed on the same ground on the 6th May and resulted in a win for the 2nd Battery by 2 goals to *nil*. In the second half the FIFTH had extremely hard luck, doing everything except actually score.

Final: 2nd Batty. R.F.A., 2; D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 0.

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In the final the 2nd Batty. R.F.A. beat C Coy. the Rifle Brigade by 2—1.

DIVISIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

ELIMINATING CONTEST—1ST ROUND.

C Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS *v.* D Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS.

This match was played on the 13th April on the Battalion Hockey Ground. The game was fast and hard throughout and very evenly contested. C Coy. were favourites before the match and they looked like scoring several times in the first half. However, D Coy. managed to keep them out and in the second half did most of the pressing.

Final: D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 1; C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 0.

B Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS *v.* A Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS.

Played on the 15th April on the Battalion Hockey Ground. This proved a very even game and resulted in a draw of two goals each.

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Replayed on the same ground on the 18th April. This proved a rather better game than the previous one. It was hard and fast throughout, and at half-time neither side had scored and it was not until within ten minutes from the end of the game that A Coy. managed to score and thus qualify for the 2nd round.

Final: A Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 1; B Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 0.

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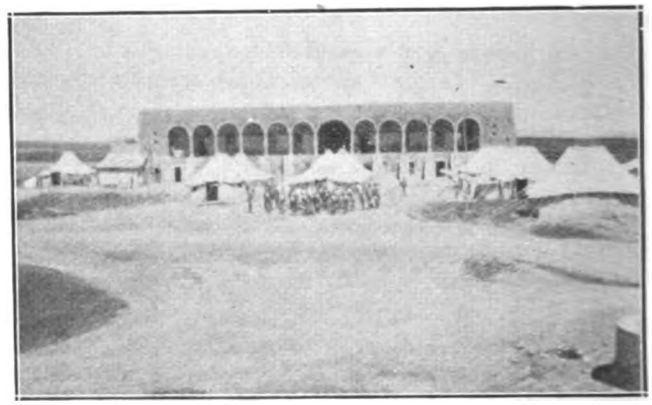
2ND ROUND.

D Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS *v.* D Coy. 52ND SIKHS (F.F.).

This match was played on the Sikhs Ground on the 24th April. The Sikhs started favourites and played a very strong game. There was plenty of play in mid-field and



OFFICERS' MESS, ST. GEORGE'S DAY, 1920.
(Photo by the Rev. F. Beal.)

the FIFTH made many valiant efforts to score, but had very hard luck. Although the Sikhs scored three goals the play was by no means confined to them, the game proving an extremely even one, except that the Sikhs forwards were supreme in front of goal.

Final: D Coy. 52nd Sikhs, 3; D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 0.

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A Coy. 2/5TH FUSILIERS *v.* MOSUL MILITARY HOSPITAL.

This match was played on the Divisional Signallers' Ground on the 24th April. This match proved a rather poor game, neither side appeared to be able to do the right thing. There was little to choose between the opposing teams, victory resting finally with the Hospital.

Final: Mosul Military Hospital, 1; A Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 0.

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The final was won by the Mosul Military Hospital by 1—0 against the 87th Punjabis.

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BATTALION CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION.

This race took place in the first week in April over a four mile course. The four Companies entered one team each, consisting of 25 runners, of which 20 had to finish. Points were counted against Companies according to position in which their respective teams finished. The Company with the least number of points registered against it won. The course was quite a difficult one, mostly over ploughed fields with a fair amount of uphill work. The finish was a close one between A and C Coys., the result being that the Companies finished in the following order:—C, A, B, D.

DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RUN.

ELIMINATING CONTEST.

This took place on the 1st May for the purpose of deciding which would represent Mosul in the final. The course was a three mile one, and the dress for the race was flannel shirts, shorts and regulation boots. The teams consisted of 1 Officer, 1 Sergeant, 1 Corporal and 12 men, and the following teams competed:—C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, C Coy. 17th M.G.C., A, B and D Coys. 2/5th Fusiliers, and 44th Battery R.F.A.

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An extremely close finish resulted between C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers and C Coy. 17th Machine Gun Corps. Results:—

1st—C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers
2nd—C Coy. 17th M.G.C.
3rd—A Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers
4th—D Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers
5th—B Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers
6th—44th Battery R.F.A.

FINAL DIVISIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RACE.

The competing teams were as follows:—

C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers.
B Coy. 2nd Manchester Regiment.
B Coy. 1st Batt. The Rifle Brigade.

Shortly after the start 2nd-Lieut. F. Brown, 5th Fusiliers, took up the lead and Pte. Kelby, of the Manchester Regiment, second place, closely followed by Pte. Lewis, also of the Manchester Regiment.

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Lieut. Brown steadily increased the pace till, on reaching the Nisibin Road, 1½ miles from Mosul, he was leading by about 300 yards. Unfortunately, 300 yards from the finish, Lieut. Brown, who had been running so admirably and who had the race in his pocket, collapsed. Nevertheless, C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers won on points, the result being as follows:—

C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, 260 points.
B Coy. 1st Batt. The Rifle Brigade, 303 points.

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The winning team, *viz.*, C Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers, was composed as follows:—

No. 88800 Sgt. W. H. Prior, 3rd
„ 98091 Pte. J. Wilson, 4th
„ 88923 Pte. H. Eyre, 6th
„ 41582 Cpl. J. Watkinson, 7th
„ 39750 Boy H. Knox, 11th
„ 80300 Pte. R. Laing, 12th
„ 58996 Boy C. Howard, 13th
„ 18847 Pte. W. Coates, 14th
„ 89349 Pte. D. Chapman, 15th
„ 89690 Pte. J. H. Cooper, 16th
„ 38819 Pte. E. Liversidge, 18th
„ 89289 Pte. W. Sharp, 19th
„ 88845 Pte. T. Stephenson, 20th
„ 89917 Pte. J. Wilson, 22nd

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Little of any importance happened during the early stages of the month, everyone being engrossed in the preparations for our time honoured festival—St. George's Day.

Truthfully speaking the only beings who had anything like work (spelt with a big W) were the four C.Q.M.'s; their chief problem, and one which was not satisfactorily solved, being "How to keep spinnach fresh?"

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The remarks passed on all sides were such that our already overworked pen pushers assembled in conference; the result of which, according to a whisper passed from member to member, was that a certain individual had sent for "Hints on Vegetables," extracts from Mrs. Beeton's.

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St. George's Day arrived at last in all its glory. The Clerk of the Weather must have been in sympathy with the Regiment, for a more ideal day could not have been wished for.

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The parade started at 8 a.m. and went off without a hitch in the programme. The visitors (and of these there were many) were delighted and the appreciation of the FIFTH was clearly visible on their smiling faces.

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Eventually the dismiss came about 9.15 a.m., and the next important item to us people was "Breakfast," doubly so, as we were to be honoured with the presence of some of our English ladies.

The above mentioned meal over, our next item was posing before that silent torturer—"The Photographer," that taking up the remainder of the morning.

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In the afternoon the Mess met the Officers at football. Of course in our opinion the game was all over bar shouting as far as we were concerned, but Nemesis was following closely on our heels. The Officers, who turned out some very dark horses, gave us a run for our money, and when the final whistle blew the score to our very great surprise was Officers, 4; Sergeants, 2.

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Casualties.—Officers, *nil;* Sergeants, 1; the latter being bowled out by one of our light-weight Officers who was playing left back (weight when in training 18 stone).

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After such a crushing defeat our only consolation lay in the evening's item, *viz.*, Dinner, followed by a smoking concert, and to this we all trooped at 20.00 hours (8 p.m.).

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Something like 80, including guests, sat down to this meal, which from start to finish was all that could be wished, and for which our hearty thanks are due to the Mess President, who, considering the difficulty experienced in obtaining commodities, etc., did surprisingly well; the Mess remarking that he was worth his weight in gold. Incidentally he is our heaviest member, so filthy lucre would be his in abundance were their observations complied with.

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The Commanding Officer (Col. Sandilands), Medical Officer, Adjutant, Quartermaster and the four Company Officers honoured the Mess with their presence for the Smoking Concert, which to all intents and purposes was a huge success and a perfect conclusion to the day's proceedings.

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C.Q.M.S. West has joined the Mess since the last notes were written, after having spent a delightful holiday somewhere on the lines of communication.

B.E.G.

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
24th June, 1920.

Maj. W. M. Allan, O.B.E., left us on the 11th June on retirement under the age clause. He dined with us as a Regimental guest on the 10th. His departure leaves a very big blank in the Regiment with which he has served continuously for 35 years and 11 months, of which 19 years and 10 months were spent in the ranks, and 16 years and 1 month commissioned as Quartermaster. His record in peace and war is a proud one, and is a fine example to the young generation now joining. A detailed record of service will be published next month.

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A Cross Country Race was run on the 9th June under the auspices of the R.A.T.A. The course was about four miles, and there were about 200 starters who were sent off with a good start by Mrs. Cruddas. In addition to individual prizes, a team prize was given to the Squad achieving the best collective results. This was won by Sgt. Ryan's No. 2 Squad, the unsquadded recruits being runners up.

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Race Week is upon us, and for several days the Gosforth Road has been plastered with pedestrians and every kind of vehicle, and Bands and Choirs have been raising the echoes in competition. The "Miners' Derby," under the more prosaic title of the "Northumberland Plate," was run on the 23rd and many did not win.

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Our Hythe Contingent has returned and their certificates have come after them. C.S.M. Guttridge got through the Light Gun Course unwounded, though equipped with the Adjutant's Smith and Wesson match pistol. Since his return an order has been published that Warrant Officers will not take pistols with them in future to the School, but that they will be issued on arrival. "Not for us to reason why."

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The Depôt, less Maj. Allan who was busy handing over, and Lieut. English, who held the Fort, attended the Regimental Dinner in force, the concentration from North and South being effected without a hitch.

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We welcome this month Maj. W. A. Roberts, of the 14th Foot, who joined us as Quartermaster, *vice* Maj. Allan, on the 10th June.

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The Colours of the 2nd Battalion will be laid up in Newcastle Cathedral on the 24th July. On the same day, at 2.30 p.m., 18 other Colours will be consecrated and presented on the Town Moor, west of Bull Park. They will then be laid up in the Cathedral and various Churches.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

At the present time we are in the middle of Race Week. Some members are, we believe, winning fortunes, but others, judging by their looks are not. One member in particular drove in state to Gosforth, having hired a taxi all to himself, but alas he returned footsore and weary about 19.00 hours not even having the price of a drink.

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We intended having a brake of sorts to convey those who wanted to see the famous "Pitmen's Derby," but after trying all around the district without success, we had to cancel the trip.

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The Permanent Staff and personnel serving at the Depôt were granted half holidays on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th June on account of the Races. This period of the year is known in the North as the "Pitmen's Derby" and few outside the North Country realise the importance attached to this event. According to tradition the Tynesiders throw up a brick, and if it does not come down, then they continue to work. Therefore as each year arrives, rich and poor alike, proceed to Gosforth Park, and there they enjoy themselves, similarly to those people of London who proceed to Epsom to see the Derby and the Oaks.

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This particular period means as much to the Tynesiders as the Derby or Oaks to the Londoners, or the Wakes to Oldham. The practice of dressing donkeys, etc., in feminine attire such as is practised at Epsom is nothing compared to the sporting spirit displayed here. The sight along the Great North Road in the evenings is something to be seen and remembered. To-day Newcastle-on-Tyne, with its vast population, politest of all cities, looks cheerful and prosperous, the merriest of crowds thronging the streets.

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No. 15792 C.S.M. Cochran has left us during the month, on completion of his 21 years' service, and many of the old hands will look back with pleasure to the times, especially during the earlier part of the war, when the conveyance of their rations to the trenches was assured by his cunning and ability as Transport Sergeant of the 2nd Battalion.

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He was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal during the war, which none will begrudge him. Our best wishes are tendered for his welfare in civil life.

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The Band, under Drum-Maj. Slater and Bugle-Major Dodson, have put in a couple of days at the Durham Regatta, and from accounts in the press and reports of ear-witnesses performed "according to plan" and were much appreciated.

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We are still pegging away at our miniature Gharial Flats, which we hope will be completed soon (?). If any of the old 1st Battalion who undertook those strenuous seasons (and good ones by the way) at Gharial have any time to spare, their assistance would be greatly appreciated. In connection with this subject Pte. Killoran, late of B Coy., 1st Battalion, has been observed building a Gharial Flat on his own near the Armstrong College.

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We manage to have a game of cricket now and again. No. 1 Coy. challenged No. 2 Coy. and after a strenuous game were beaten. The Depôt played No. 503 Battery R.F.A., who after a very close game managed to beat us. I must apologise for not giving the scores in both cases, but the fact remains that we do play cricket.

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NOTES FROM ORDERS.

The following obtained certificates at Hythe:—

Rifle and Bayonet Wing.—Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., and No. 6830 Sgt. H. W. Price.

Light Gun Wing.—Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., and No. 794 C.S.M. C. Guttridge.

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The following arrivals and departures are reported to date:—

ARRIVALS.

No. 89517	Cpl. G. Hopkins, from 39th Battalion	1/6/20
„ 3672	Sgt. G. Pullan, from Territorial Staff, 6th D.L.I.	4/6/20
„ 18348	Cpl. P. Qualters, from Hospital	4/6/20
„ 98876	Sgt. R. Cooper, from Overseas	8/6/20
„ 99573	Sgt. H. Graham, from Hospital	9/6/20
„ 9299	C.S.M. B. J. Edmondson, from Hospital and awaiting discharge medically unfit for further service	18/6/20

DEPARTURES.

No. 42006	Cpl. E. Hudson, to 1st Battalion	2/6/20
„ 60720	Cpl. H. Sweetman, to 1st Battalion	2/6/20
„ 76474	Lce.-Cpl. R. D. King, and 12 other ranks, to 1st Battalion	2/6/20
„ 89129	Sgt. R. Banks, discharged	2/6/20
„ 99603	Sgt. L. Hanson, discharged	2/6/20
„ 99671	C.S.M. G. Newman, discharged	2/6/20
„ 97165	Sgt. J. Pocklington, discharged	2/6/20
„ 89136	Sgt. J. Matthews, discharged	2/6/20
„ 94736	Cpl. H. Campbell, discharged	4/6/20
„ 97971	Sgt. S. Lythgoe, discharged	4/6/20
„ 89921	Sgt. G. Younger (late 2nd Battalion), discharged	4/6/20
„ 18348	Cpl. P. Qualters, to R. Warwickshire Regt. on re-enlistment in that Unit for 4 years.	

4TH BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
23rd June, 1920.

Reconstruction is proceeding satisfactorily, and the Battalion is fortunate in retaining a certain number of old Officers.

Lieut.-Col. J. R. Robb is in command, whilst among the other Officers posted to the Battalion are Maj. C. G. Arkwright, M.C. (2nd-in-Command), Maj. C. O. P. Gibson, M.C., Capt. H. M. Carrick, Capt. N. B. N. Good, M.C., Capt. R. Allen and Lieuts. C. Stephenson, M.C., G. E. Charlewood, W. H. Nicholson and F. B. Clarke. Capt. R. W. Granage is Signalling Officer, Capt. G. L. Bradley Assistant Adjutant, and Lieut. A. A. Pickering, Transport Officer.

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The number of men who have joined up-to-date is rather small, but we hope to record an improvement in the near future.

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The usual Re-Union was held here on St. George's Day, following which smoking concerts were held at Prudhoe and Newburn, all proving most successful functions.

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We are fortunate in having as our Divisional Commander, Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Colonel of the Regiment, and as our Brigadier an old Fusilier in Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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The N.C.O.'s Messes are in full swing at Prudhoe and Haltwhistle and it is hoped to start one here shortly. Periodical dances are being given by the N.C.O.'s Mess at Prudhoe which are highly popular.

Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., is Adjutant of the Battalion.

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Capt. W. Watson, M.C., reported here on the 5th of May on his appointment as Quartermaster.

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The following W.O.'s have been posted to the Battalion—R.S.M. W. Travill, M.C., C.S.M. W. W. Wodehouse and C.S.M. A. J. Clark.

5TH BATTALION NOTES.

Since the publication of our May Notes we are pleased to be able to state that recruiting has very greatly improved, and our strength is now nearly 200. The extra inducement of a fourteen days camp at Scarborough in August is undoubtedly a great attraction, and we are hoping that by that time we will have doubled our present strength.

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Clothing and equipment have been issued and the stimulant of brisk training is having an early effect upon the "new hand," whilst the "old hand" gazes on with something akin to wonder, and the keenness and spirit which emphasised his one time connection with the Battalion is forcing its way back upon him. With *esprit de corps* at heart and comradeship, nurtured in pre-war days, and fostered upon the battle field, the "old hand" finds it difficult to resist, and we are pleased to say that the influx of trained men to the Battalion since training commenced has been most encouraging.

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The present rush has also effected the decorators, and the final touch has at last been applied to the Drill Hall, at Walker, which now looks wonderfully bright.

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The Hall at Wallsend has also come under the painter's brush, and a transformation has commenced, but, alas, the holidays have also commenced.

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The Sergeants' Mess at Headquarters has developed on the old lines and it is pleasing to see so many of the old Sergeants, who, although over age to re-enlist, still frequent the Mess as Honorary Members and keep both past and present members in happy mood with tales both good and indifferent.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
30th June, 1920.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

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As we stated in our last issue, we have received (and have now read) the war history of the 19th Battalion. Like that of the 18th Battalion, which we have already mentioned, this history is written primarily for those who served with the Unit. For this reason, what we may call

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the "Personal" incident naturally fills the foreground. But in modern warfare the history of any particular Unit must be filled with the incidents relating to individuals more than the actions of the Unit as a whole. The fact that the writer of the main part of the history of the 19th Battalion is Capt. C. H. Cooke, M.C., whose writings under the *non de plume* of "Pioneer" are well known to readers of the *St. George's Gazette* is sufficient guarantee that the incidents are well chosen and well written about. The stories of the 19th in some of its big actions are supplemented in appendices by the narratives of other Officers and the book is illustrated from photographs and by Mr. Lawrence, whose drawings are also well known in the *St. George's Gazette*. Both these *Histories* can be got from Newcastle Booksellers, price 12/6 each, and we strongly recommend their purchase by Officers and others desiring to complete a Regimental Library.

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We again call the attention of our readers and through them to all old 5th Fusiliers to the Sandhurst Memorial Chapel (5th Fusiliers' Window) Fund. The Chancel of the new Chapel is now being built and it is hoped to be completed early next year. The actual cost of the window has not yet been determined but in the original appeal letter, written by Maj. Stephen, which appeared a year ago in the *St. George's Gazette* a sum of £350—£400 was mentioned. At the present moment a sum of £118 9s. 6d. has been subscribed and a further sum of some £20 to £30 has been promised.

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We are informed that the Roll of Honour includes only Officers who were educated at the R.M.C., Sandhurst, and who lost their lives in the 1914-18 War. There are about 45 names upon the 5th Fusilier Roll, which has been corrected and approved by Col. Girdwood, Maj. Stephen and Col. Capper, and is now in the office of the Secretary, Sandhurst Memorial Chapel Fund.

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Subscriptions which are badly needed if the necessary amount is to be reached in time should be sent to:—

Maj. B. T. St. John,
The Old Mill House,
Preston Crowmarsh,
near Wallingford.

£300 is still required.

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Subscriptions due in July:—

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D. Marjoribanks, Esq.
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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
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Miss E. G. Johnstone
Bt. Lieut.-Col. Kershaw, D.S.O.
Mrs. A. Langhorn (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. F. Robson (2nd Batt.)
Lieut. W. Smart

REGIMENTAL DINNER.

The Annual Regimental Dinner took place on the 3rd June at The Ritz Hotel. The following Officers were present:—Lieut.-Col. H. S. Ainslie, C.M.G., Maj. B. T. St. John, Maj. The Hon. N. Gathorne Hardy, D.S.O., Maj. B. W. E. Gething, Maj. S. H. Kershaw, D.S.O., Maj. B. Cruddas, Maj. A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., Maj. H. M. Heyder, M.C., Maj. H. S. Darley, Lieut.-Col. G. Hart Dyke, Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., Maj.-Gen. H. Shoubridge, Col. H. W. G. Cole, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Willmott, Capt. Lord Redesdale, Maj. G. C. Holderness, Lieut.-Col. F. C. Turner, Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O., Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, Capt. H. O. Sutherland, Capt. C. T. S. Cogan, Capt. P. Sidney, Maj. St. John Montague, O.B.E., Lieut.-Col. E. B. Gordon, C.M.G., D.S.O., Maj. W. Platt, D.S.O., Capt. A. Milne Home, M.C., Lieut.-Col. A. W. Rickman, D.S.O., 2nd-Lieut. C. S. Graham, Lieut.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., Capt. A. P. Garnier, Maj. Robert Auld, Col. A. E. Whitaker, C.B.E., Brig.-Gen. Charles Lambton, C.B., Col. John C. Somerville, C.M.G., C.B.E., Col. F. P. Braithwaite, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Brig.-Gen. B. Leach, C.B., C.M.G., C.V.O., Col. D. Sapte, Lieut.-Col. A. C. Hardman Jones, Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., Lieut. H. H. Seth Smith, Lieut W. Myers, M.C., D.C.M., Capt. H. V. Powell, 2nd-Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall, Lieut. W. H. N. Dent.

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1914-1918 WAR MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST AND SECOND BATTALIONS.

Subsequent to the meeting of the Regimental Aid Society which was held in London on the 3rd June, those present proceeded to consider the question of the War Memorial of the 1st and 2nd Battalions.

The following were present:—Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson (in the chair), Brig.-Gen. Hon. C. Lambton, Cols. Bett, Darley, Enderby, Hart Dyke, Sapte, Turner, Yatman and Maj. Cruddas.

Col. Yatman, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (*pro. tem.*), reported that in response to the leaflet which was circulated with the *Gazette* he had received numerous letters. All were in favour of a Memorial Window in the Cathedral, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, except one, and another suggested that a portion of the money subscribed should be at once set aside for the Aid Society or some similar means of aiding those who had served in the Regiment. The 2nd Battalion had written saying they were in favour of this window and asked that Cols. Enderby and Turner should answer for them as it takes six weeks for a letter to reach Mosul, so they left the matter entirely in the hands of these two Officers.

Subscriptions were not specifically invited in the aforementioned leaflet but a few had been received amounting to £34 3s. 6d. The only expenditure was £1 15s. 9d. for printing.

It was proposed by Col. Turner, and seconded by Col. Yatman, that a Memorial Window to the memory of those who formerly belonged to or were serving with the 1st or 2nd Battalions and who were killed or died as the result of service in the war of 1914-1918 be erected in Saint Nicholas Cathedral, at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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The following committee was appointed to carry out this proposal:—Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson (President), Cols. Enderby, Leather, Turner and Yatman. The Sergeant-Major and the Quartermaster-Sergeant of the Depôt to be *ex-officio* members, and Capt. Milne Home, Adjutant of the Depôt, to be Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

It is hoped that the details set out above answer various questions which the *pro. tem.* Hon. Secretary could not answer until a meeting had been held and a definite conclusion reached.

It is requested that any further communications be addressed to Capt. A. C. Milne Home, Fenham Barracks, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Subscriptions should be paid into Lloyd's Bank, 102, Grey Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on a/c of the "Memorial Fund, 1st and 2nd Battalions, 5th Fusiliers."

COLONELS OF THE REGIMENT.

General W. Wynyard—1732-1789.

William Wynyard, afterwards Colonel of the FIFTH, was the second son of Lieut.-Gen. William Wynyard, of the 3rd Guards, Colonel of the 20th Foot (1732-1789), and the grandson of Lieut.-Gen. John Wynyard, Colonel of the 17th Foot, who is buried in Westminster Abbey.

The future Colonel of the FIFTH, was one of seven

GENERAL WYNYARD.
(From the collection of Alfred Brewis, Esq.)

brothers, all of whom served in the Army, four dying as Colonels of Regiments, three of them having reached the rank of General Officer. The only sister, Georgina, who married George Baltye, became the mother of another famous soldier family.

William Wynyard was born in 1759 and nineteen years later he joined the 64th Foot as a Lieutenant. He afterwards served in the 2nd Foot Guards; a memorial in the Wellington Barracks commemorates the services in the Guards of nine members of the Wynyard family.

He became a Major-General in 1809, Lieut.-General in 1814, was D.A.G. from 1799-1814, and afterwards commanded the York District. He was Equerry to King George III.

Gen. Wynyard married Jane, daughter of J. Gladwin, of Hublin, in Nottinghamshire. He died at Kew Green on the 10th July, 1819.

A DAY'S PIG STICKING IN CENTRAL INDIA.

A leading authority once wrote that one pig killed in Central India was worth three killed elsewhere.

This does not mean that the Central India pig is bigger, for, on the contrary, the fact that he has to range further for his food makes him smaller, harder and a better runner. Instead of riding after him over fields or through long grass or in river beds, the pig has first to be driven off an unrideable hill, given a certain amount of law, for if pressed too soon he will turn when fresh and go back to the same hill, then he has to be killed before he reaches another unrideable hill or patch of jungle. The hunt in the meantime is over black cotton soil, which is full of cracks and holes, or over rocks and stones, and through low scrub or smallthorn trees which retain a good deal of one's clothing.

It is proposed to describe a good day in a Central India tent club, which was noted for hard work and blank days. The meet consisted of one Fusilier and one Gunner overnight who were joined at dawn by a civilian, the Secretary of the Club, two Light Horsemen and the wife of a Staff Officer who used to follow but did not carry a spear.

The beaters, 150 Bhils, drew the first hill blank as far as rideable boar were concerned, a great disappointment as it was reckoned a sure find. As it was already getting late, the hill being a very large one, one of the cavalrymen had to go back. The next beat was a small hill in a line of three such hills and was again blank. The next, the smallest of the three, produced a sounder. As there were only four spears, they were posted singly round the hill which was surrounded by stony ground and open thorn bush. The Fusilier was concealed behind a bush when the head shikari sounded the alarm. At that moment the lady's sais appeared riding between him and the hill. Making up in vigour what he lacked in grammar, the Fusilier got enough Hindustani at his command to move the sais just in time as the sounder came down the hill, sow leading, about six squeakers in line ahead and a rideable pig last. The whole passed within 10 yards when the Fusilier blew his whistle and gave chase. The flagman on top of the hill, giving the direction by pointing his flag, the civilian and the Gunner were very soon on the scene. The Fusilier, owing to lame polo ponies, was riding a tum-tum pony, very staunch, very slow compared to full sized horses and quite impossible to hold. He would follow a pig on his own but when there is a man nearer the pig than you, the second and third men ride on the leading man's flanks, to be ready for the pig when he jinks. The tum-tum pony always wanted to follow the pig and when he was passed, as he always was, insisted on following it still. The result was that when the pig went down a steep, rocky ravine, the Fusilier had a narrow escape of falling some twenty feet. The tum-tum pony, of course,

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stopped just in time and the Fusilier luckily stopped with him—would it were always so. Picking his way down into the ravine, the civilian and Gunner in close pursuit of the pig, the Fusilier was passed by the cavalryman going on a racing pony as a cavalryman should. The pig ran through a patch of high, thick jungle. Luckily the civilian was on him and did the right thing. If you press a pig in thick jungle he will jink you and lie up, and you lose him. If you hang back, he will think he is safe and go on into open country. The civilian hung back and followed through into low scrub. When riding a pig in low scrub, the man who is riding him hollers as long as he can see him, the others riding on his flanks. When he stops shouting it means he has lost the pig who has probably turned and it is up to the others to find him. It brings home to one the reason why hounds give tongue so much more in wooded than in open country.

The pig was now jinking in and out of the scrub and the tum-tum pony with his exhausted rider was steering like a battleship without a rudder. The cavalryman was the first to get a good chance but he jabbed and missed him. The pig received a couple of wounds and lay up in a bush. On being surrounded, he came out, and a back tendon of his fore leg having been cut by a wound, he charged on his knees. He was soon finished, fighting gamely to the last.

The next draw was the last hill in the line of three. Again the four riders were split up singly round the hill and again the Fusilier had the luck to see a large pig coming quietly down the hill towards him, the Gunner saw it, too, and joined him. The pig passed slowly within 50 yards of them and they followed it through high thorn jungle towards more open country.

As the pig came near the open the Gunner and Fusilier started to ride him. Now the pig naturally would go to the patch of thick jungle but he thought he could not get across the open as the riders were too close. So he turned left, running along the rocky ridge covered with thorn trees which were no obstacle to him but which hampered a horseman considerably, the Gunner losing most of his spine pad and a good deal of his shirt. The Fusilier, who owing to the slowness of his pony, had grown cunning, headed straight across the cultivation to the patch of thick jungle. Now there was a line of thick bush about 20 yards broad, running from the ridge to the jungle. It had one gap where a path ran through it and died out about 100 yards from the jungle. The Fusilier saw the pig coming down this strip with the strip on his (the pig's) left, the Gunner in pursuit on the far side. Had he been on the near side with the pig he could not have speared him for the pig ran so close to the jungle that a rider was bound to have the pig on his left and so could not touch him. The Fusilier was going to meet the pig at right angles, the pig on his near side and away from his spear. It was essential not to be too far forward or the pig would charge his near shoulder and down him. Again he had to go fast or he would not get there in time, and lastly, there being no time to wheel and follow the pig and the jungle being impenetrable, the only thing was to meet at the gap. The tum-tum pony going all out the two converged at top speed, the Fusilier's mind seeing one essential thing only, if he was too near the pig he would be knocked out. They met, the pig passing just ahead of him, a little bit too far ahead, as the Fusilier leaning forward tried the crossing shot at the lower part of the stomach and hit him in the quarter, turning him round a little. The tum-tum pony at his best pace shot through the gap in the line of jungle. His rider hearing a wild yell in his left ear, at the time he was looking to his right to see where he could turn and follow the pig, looked round and saw the Secretary's horse sitting on his haunches like a circus horse and the Secretary apparently doing a long-arm balance on his head. Neither had seen the other; luckily the Secretary's horse heard the others coming and flung himself back just in time. The Fusilier, fascinated for the moment, saw the Secretary complete his gymnastics by shooting off into a large bush which completely broke his fall, and then the pig occurred to him again. He was in the open again and could turn provided his mount would answer the reins. All this had occupied a moment and before he could apply the reins, almost before he looked round again, the old pony had twisted round as if playing polo and was going towards the thick jungle as fast as he could. Where the hedge of bushes stopped they came on the pig again and with 100 yards of open the Fusilier had a good chance. He was just aiming for the thrust being the shoulder and was spuring his pony for the necessary extra speed when they came to a small bush about 2ft. thick and 4ft. high. The cunning old pig ran with the bush so close on his left that the Fusilier had to go the other side. It only took his eye off for a moment but when they reached the other side, both going all out, the pig changed feet, and charged. The Fusilier had just time to think "Well, that's got me," and drop his spear, and follow the pig with his eye and spear. The pig took the spear right in his side and fell, the rider recovering his spear while lying almost at full length along the pony's back. The Fusilier stopped his pony at the edge of the jungle, or rather the pony stopped himself missing the pig, and they saw the old pig shake the dust off himself and go and lie down in a small patch of bushes only 20 yards short of the jungle. The Gunner now came up and they got between the jungle and the pig who was getting his breath in the bushes, and hollaed for the others. As the cavalryman came up the old pig jumped up and made a slight detour through some rocks and just beat them to the jungle. They were debating what to do when they heard the Secretary holloaing loudly further down the big jungle. The Secretary had posted himself in a path running through the jungle when the pig had come out to cross the path. The pig could have easily got away but was now so angry that he turned and charged him. The Secretary speared him through and through his spear behind wrenched from his hand and remaining in the pig. When the others arrived, the pig was standing stock still between two small trees. The Fusilier was approaching from the front, the Gunner from behind to get a thrust behind the shoulder, when the Gunner suddenly saw why the pig did not charge, the spear had caught in the trees each side and stopped the pig. He jumped off his horse and killed the pig in a moment. The old pig sank down slowly without making a sound.

So the tum-tum pony got his only first spear. All honour to the Secretary who after his rough treatment and after having done the most important part without which the pig would have been lost, congratulated the Fusilier as heartily as if he had really done the whole hunt. Height, 30½ inches; weight, 178 lbs. The first pig was slightly less.

B.C.

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BIRTH.

GALE.—On the 17th June, 1920, at Aldershot, to Mrs. Gale, the wife of No. 1457 Sgt. P. Gale, 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers—two daughters.

MARRIAGES.

DIPPER—WILLMOTT.—On the 10th July, 1920, at Holy Trinity Church, Aldershot, by the Rev. J. Adams, No. 3783 C.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M., to Violet, youngest daughter of Mrs. J. Willmott, 37, Edward Street, Aldershot.

KNOX—RODDAM.—On the 21st July, at Ingram Church, by the Rev. R. Allgood, A. Dillwyn Knox, second son of the Bishop of Manchester, to Olive Margeret, youngest daughter of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Roddam, of Roddam, Northumberland.

ENGAGEMENTS.

Capt. H. O. Sutherland and Miss Watney.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Captain H. O. Sutherland, 5th Fusiliers, fourth son of the late Mr. A. B. Sutherland, The Homestead, Bedford, and Mrs. Sutherland, of Oaklands Road, Bedford, and Eileen Denby, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denby Watney, of Summerfields, Addlestone, Surrey.

Major A. H. Davenport, M.C., and Miss Kilgour.

The engagement is announced between Arther Henry Davenport, Royal Engineers, eldest son of the late Thomas William Davenport and Mrs. Davenport, of Ashby-de-la-Zouche, Leicestershire, and Nancy, elder daughter of the late Colonel Henry Kilgour, 5th Fusiliers, and Mrs. Kilgour, of 34, St. Leonard's Terrace, Chelsea.

Extracts from *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following appointments are made:—

GENERAL STAFF.

Brig.-Maj.—Capt. R. C. Mayall, M.C., Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs. (from 14th Sept., 1919, to 17th April).

HEADQUARTERS FOR EMBARKATION DUTIES.

Staff Capt.—Capt. F. N. Syms, 5th North. Fusrs., T.F., *vice* Bt.-Maj. R. H. E. S. Behrend, 23rd Lond. R., T.F. (dated 30th Sept., 1919).

The following relinquish their appointments:—

Dep. Asst. Prov. Marshal (Cl. FF).—Lieut. C. Jones, North. Fusrs., and relinquishes tempy. rank of Capt. (dated 29th May).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lieut. F. A. Price retires on ret. pay (dated 6th July), and is granted rank of Capt.; Lieut. C. T. Smith is secd. for service with the Tank Corps (dated 20th May).

Maj. and Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O., retires on ret. pay, and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Col. in the Res. of Off. (dated 7th July); Lieut. J. Bailey retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 8th June), and is granted the rank of Capt. (substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* of 7th June).

Lieut. (actg. Capt., with pay of Lieut.) W. Pattison relinquishes his actg. rank (dated 8th June, 1919).

Capt. (actg. Maj.) C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes the pay of his actg. rank (dated 5th Oct., 1918), and relinquishes his actg. rank (dated 11th July, 1919).

Maj. B. W. E. Gething retires on ret. pay (dated 15th July), and is granted rank of Lieut.-Col.; Lieut. W. Pattison retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 15th July), and is granted rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. H. W. Firth, M.C., Ser. Batt., relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. Linc. R. (dated 12th April, 1919).

Capt. R. H. Hoffman resigns his commsn. (dated 27th July).

Lieut. C. Jones is restd. to the estbt. (dated 29th May).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

Northumberland Fusiliers.

Lieut. J. W. Rayner resigns his commsn. (dated 1st April), and retains rank of Lieut.

Lieut. J. Dodds, M.C., to take rank and prec. in his Corps and in the Army as if his appt. as Lieut. bore date 26th March.

Lieut. R. Brown relinquishes his commsn. (dated 2nd May), and retains rank of Lieut.

The following relinquishes his commsn.:—Lieut. R. Barr (dated 9th May), and retains rank of Lieut.

The following relinquish their commsns. (dated 1st April):—

Lieuts., and retain rank of Lieut.:—P. E. Carsland, K. McN. Phillips, G. W. Hardcastle, J. Hornby.

And retain rank of Lieut.:—W. E. Blackett-Ord, W. H. Comery, D. Skipsey.

And retain rank of Lieut.:—J. J. Bell, J. Boughton, M.C., J. A. Dodsworth, R. H. Norris.

The following Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. (dated 1st April):—M. R. Steel, D.S.O., M.C., and is granted rank of Capt. And retain rank of Lieut.:—G. B. Allan, A. Bell, L. L. Blackford, J. G. Brown, G. M. Gibson.

The following relinquish their commsns. (dated 1st April):—Lieut. G. Bramwell, and is granted rank of Capt. Lieuts., and retain rank of Lieut.:—E. G. Bates, M.C., W. T. B. Joss, M.C.

C. E. J. Whitting, late 2nd-Lieut., North. Fusrs., to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 24th July), with seniority from 16th July, 1919.

R. H. Hoffman, late Capt., North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 27th July), with seniority from 14th July, 1917.

The following Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. (dated 1st April), and retain rank of Lieut:—J. W. McL. Anderson, T. C. Bullen, M.C., J. S. Spires, M.C., J. G. Tate, R. Lines.

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TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. F. G. Peddie, M.C., to be Lieut. (dated 28th Sept., 1919).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. D. Bennett to be Lieut. (dated 7th Oct., 1919).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. H. Owen-Flood is restored to estbt. (dated 21st Sept., 1919).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts. :—H. Dixon (dated 9th April); H B. Harris (dated 7th Oct., 1919); G. A. Thompson (dated 19th Nov., 1919); W. Wynne (dated 7th Oct., 1919).

4th Batt.—Lieut. C. Stephenson, M.C., to be Capt. (dated 23rd July). 2nd-Lieuts. to be Lieuts. :—W. Harvey (dated 29th Nov., 1919); R. A. Hill (dated 7th Oct., 1919); H. C. Mundell (dated 31st January); E. J. Saggerson (dated 29th Nov., 1919).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. F. Cockayne to be Lieut. (dated 26th Dec., 1919)

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. N. McInnes to be Lieut. (dated 19th Nov., 1919).

5th Batt.—Capt. J. G. Garrard, M.C., from T.F. Res., to be Lieut., and to relinquish rank of Capt. (dated 17th June). (Substituted for that which appeared in *Gazette* of 16th June).

7th Batt.—Lieuts. to be Capts. (dated 29th July) :—Lieut. E. H. Watson, Lieut. E. H. Crow, Lieut. W. C. S. Gregson. Lieut. A. C. A. Steven is restored to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with the R.E. (dated 29th July).

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. R. Fortune, from 6th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 30th July); Lieut. W. A. C. Darlington, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 30th July); Lieut. M. M. Grice, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 30th July).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

40th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. A. E. Clare (E. Surr. R. Ser. Batt.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 2nd Feby.).

Tempy. Lieut. W. M. Banks relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 26th March, and retains rank of Lieut.).

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt., without pay) C. R. Lingwood reverts to the tempy. rank of Lieut. (dated 15th May, 1919); tempy. Lieut. H. Wiles relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th May), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. Ainsworth to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919), with prec. next below G. W. Wightman.

40th Batt.—Lieut. C. A. B. Hadley (6th Batt. E. Surr. R., T.F.) relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 9th May).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. E. D. Burbridge to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next below J. A. Taylor.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. T. Holt to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919); tempy. Lieut. T. Holt relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st Nov., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. H. F. W. Knowles relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th May), and is granted rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. F. H. Worthington relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd July), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. T. J. MacMorland relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 17th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. F. J. McCluskey relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st May), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. G. A. Watson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th June), and retains rank of Lieut.

40th Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. P. Johnson (3rd Res. Garr. Batt. R. W. Fusrs.) relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 30th April).

Tempy. Capt. W. A. Goss relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 20th Jany., 1919), and retains rank of Capt.

Temp. Capt. H. H. Roberts relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 28th May), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. G. M. Edmonds, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th June) and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. C. Sanderson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 10th March), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. J. Dobbin relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th June), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. A. Quinn to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby., 1919); with prec. next below W. Brigham.

Tempy. Capt. G. Cawson, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th Feby.), and is granted rank of Lieut.-Col.; tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt. without pay) N. H. Richardson reverts to tempy. rank of Lieut. (dated 1st March, 1918); tempy. Lieut. N. H. Richardson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd May), and is granted rank of Capt.

Tempy. Maj. R. A. Maquire relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th April, 1919), and retains rank of Maj.

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

The month of July has passed uneventfully, leaving little to record.

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Cricket and Lawn Tennis have somewhat lapsed owing to the bad weather.

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The Transport has been busy, securing the second place for Single Heavy Draft Horses and fourth place for Regimental Transport at the Aldershot Command Horse Show.

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Besides these successes Capt. Sidney's "Golden Melody" was second in the Jumping, and Lieut.-Col. Jones' "Peggy," ridden by Lieut. K. A. Seth-Smith, second in the Polo Pony Competition, at the Bordon Garrison Horse Show.

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Polo is still in progress, eight ponies are being played and we hope to be represented by a team in the Local Inter-Unit Tournament next month.

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The play at present leaves something to be desired but there is no lack of vehemence, vocal and otherwise. Unfortunately one performer has acquired an unenviable reputation for day dreaming. In view, however, of forthcoming events this is not to be wondered at.

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The nucleus of the Machine Gun Platoon has returned from Shorncliffe and now awaits the declaration of a policy as to their future.

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The first instalment of Vickers Guns has arrived adding yet another type to the variety of weapons in the Regimental Armoury, and, it is feared, more grey hairs to the rapidly silvering locks of the Quartermaster's Department.

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Letter "X" Coy. has vanished into the Hampshire

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Wilderness with a few tents and a cooker. Its radius of action is, however, somewhat limited. In spite of the well known tendency towards a development of centrifugal force evinced by Companies at such periods of their training unknown laws of martial gravitation hold it, a perspiring satelite, within reach of magisterial raids.

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It has also been observed that letter "Y" Coy. has developed a certain restlessness which leads it to assemble at curious hours. It is believed that the barrack sparrows have protested through their Union (Scavengers and Street Sweepers' Brotherhood) at the unwonted disturbance of their few hours of sleep and relaxation. It is hoped that they will not resort to "direct action" should their protest not be supported.

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Tradition having declared that Natural History Notes are not admissable in these columns (*vide* Correspondence *re* Feather Headed Chit Chat, *St. George's Gazette*, Spring, 1914) I will not go further with this fascinating subject.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES—OFFICERS.

Maj. (Bt. Lieut.-Col.) W. H. Wild, D.S.O., retires on retired pay, and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Col. in the Reserve of Officers, 7th July, 1920.

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Lieut. F. A. Price retires on retired pay, and is granted rank of Captain, 6th July.

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Lieut. C. T. Smith is seconded for service with the Tank Corps, 20th May, 1920.

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Lieut. J. V. Bailey retires receiving a gratuity (8th June, 1920) and is granted the rank of Captain. Substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* of 7th June, 1920.

COURSES.

Lieut. G. J. W. Gatehouse obtained 1st Class Certificates at the 68th Course at the Army Signal School, Maresfield, which terminated on the 3rd June, 1920.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

In a return cricket match with the Sergeants, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, the Sergeants, 5th Fusiliers, won by 30 runs.

5TH FUSILIERS.	
Sgt. Grundy, c Marks, b Coppard	63
Sgt.-Dmr. Brace, b Marks	10
Sgt. Bartlett, b Marks	24
Sgt. Maunder, b Marks	4
C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, b Coppard	5
Staff-Sgt. Proctor, b Coppard	2
Sgt. Walsh, b Coppard	5
Sgt. Brooks, b Marks	3
C.S.M. Avery, not out	1
Sgt. Gale, b Marks	5
C.Q.M.S. Knapp, b Marks	6
Extras	12
Total	140

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.	
R.S.M. Anderson, c Walsh, b O'Hara	2
C.S.M. McDermott, c and b Bartlett	0
C.Q.M.S. Byrne, b O'Hara	4
Sgt. Berry, c Grundy, b O'Hara	5
Sgt. Ludford, c and b O'Hara	44
Sgt. Gamble, b O'Hara	4
Staff-Sgt. Marks, b Walsh	2
Sgt. Clarke, run out	0
R.Q.M.S. Coppard, c Gale, b Proctor	15
Sgt. O'Brien, not out	2
Sgt. Blackman, b O'Hara	19
Extras	13
Total	110

BILLIARDS.

SERGEANTS, 5TH FUSILIERS *v.* SERGEANTS, R.A.

5TH FUSILIERS.		R.A.	
Sgt.-Dmr. Hebbron	100	R.Q.M.S. Mullins	66
C.Q.M.S. Clarke	100	R.S.M. Gobbert	90
Sgt. Grundy	100	R.S.M. Smith	98
Sgt. Young	86	Mr. Ruler	100
C.S.M. Avery	95	Staff-Sgt. Goullie	100
Sgt. Brooks	76	Sgt. Sherwood	100
Total	557	Total	554

5th Fusiliers won by 3 points.

RETURN MATCH.

5TH FUSILIERS.		R.A.	
Sgt.-Dmr. Hebbron	100	R.S.M. Gobbert	67
Sgt. Young	100	Staff-Sgt. Maidment	66
Sgt. Brooks	100	Staff-Sgt. Goullie	73
Sgt. Lowe	100	Mr. Wilkinson	56
C.S.M. Graham	61	Sgt. Cooper	100
C.S.M. Avery	100	Mr. Ruler	82
Total	561	Total	444

5th Fusiliers won by 117 points.

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Playing the Whitehill Club at Billiards we were badly beaten, the Whitehill men being "very hot."

5TH FUSILIERS.		WHITEHILL CLUB.	
C.Q.M.S. Clarke	56	Mr. Seagrott	100
Sgt. Grundy	100	Mr. Smith	70
Sgt. Young	34	Mr. Hardy	100
Sgt. Loder	88	Mr. Bell	100
Sgt. Maunder	82	Mr. Boulton	100
Sgt. Brooks	62	Mr. Dorman	100
Sgt. Lowe	54	Mr. Stratford	100
C.S.M. Avery	100	Mr. Chamberlain	63
Sgt.-Dmr. Hebbron	93	Mr. Foster	100
Sgt. Pullen	66	Mr. Fazackerley	100
Total	735	Total	933

5th Fusiliers lost by 198 points.

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A novel Billiard Match between the Sergeants, Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and ourselves was played in the Mess on Saturday, 17th July. It took the form of a relay race, everyone having to score 100. After an exciting finish we won by 11 points. Our team was:—Sgt. Grundy, C.Q.M.S. Clarke, Sgt.-Dmr. Hebbron, C.S.M. Avery, Sgt. Newton and Sgt. Lowe.

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TENNIS.

On the 22nd we played the Sergeants of the 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers at Tennis. After a very close and enjoyable game the Dublin's won by 1 set. Scores:—

Q.M.S. Adlard and C.S.M. Avery lost to Q.M.S. Curran and Q.M.S. Marks .. .. 4—6
6—4

Q.M.S. Pack and Sgt. Maunder beat Sgt.-Dmr. Fibley and Sgt. Catley .. .. 6—5
6—4

C.Q.M.S. O'Hara and Sgt.-Dmr. Brace lost to Bandmaster Caulfield and C.S.M. McDermott .. .. 5—6
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Result:—1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers .. 4 sets—37 games.
5th Fusiliers .. .. 3 sets—34 games.

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C.S.M. Shipley ran second in the Veterans' Race at the Army Championship Races at Aldershot, being the only Regimental competitor to obtain a place.

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Among other interesting events that occurred are the following:—

On the 17th C.S.M. O. C. Dipper, D.C.M., took unto himself a wife. We congratulate him on his courage and hope that the example of so young a member may help to inspire others we know to enter the matrimonial field.

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On the 17th June another of our members received a pleasant (?) surprise. Mrs. Gale presenting Sgt. Gale with two girls. All three are doing well.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

After a quiet fortnight some of our young bloods who were apparently getting bored, eventually came to the conclusion they would arrange for a trip to Portsmouth, all minor details were arranged at a Mess Meeting, but alas! on ringing up to engage a char-a-banc the gentleman at the other end informed us that we were pushed, but was prepared to accept an order for August, 1921. Needless to say we declined the offer.

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It is possible in time to come, when we either in the Near East or in the Far East, whichever the case may be, we will all look back and enjoy our imaginary outings at Bordon.

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It was suggested that a little music would cheer us up a little in the evening after a hard day's work, so we purchased a gramophone, but some of the younger generation imagined they were handling a steam roller, which resulted in the machine continuously breaking down, so now that we know the 50 different records by heart we have dispatched it to the Mobilization Store.

BOWLS.

During the last few weeks several new men have been tried on the team with a fair amount of success. On Saturday, the 3rd July, we had a visit from another civvy team from the village of Liphook, and the Fusiliers were beaten rather badly by 23 points. The following turned out for the Fusiliers:—Pte. Bray, Pte. Bennett, Pte. Reed, Pte. Swain, Cpl. Reed, Sgt. Brooks. Result:—Liphook, 86; 5th Fusiliers, 63.

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On Saturday, 17th July, we made a return visit to Liphook. We were once more unfortunate in being defeated by a narrow margin of 10 points. The following represented the 5th Fusiliers:—Pte. Swain, Pte. McCormack, Pte. Bowron, Pte. Robinson, Cpl. Reed and Cpl. Rice. Result:—Liphook, 98; 5th Fusiliers, 88.

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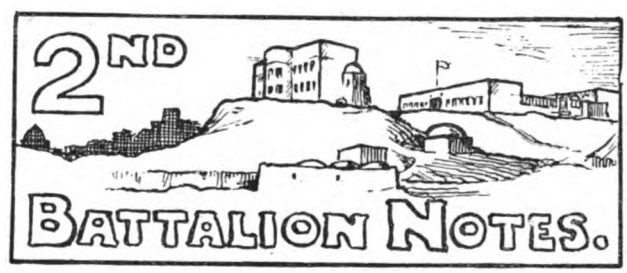
FIXTURES.

5TH FUSILIERS BOWLING CLUB.

	5th Fusrs.	Agst.
Passfield (Home)	81	48
Passfield (Away)	60	59
Passfield (replay) (Away)	80	96
Liphook (Home)	63	84
Liphook (Away)	88	98

OFFICERS' MESS, MOSUL.



MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
19th June, 1920.

Since our last notes were despatched last month we have had wars and rumours of war here—punitive columns have been sent out from Mosul and the Battalion, with the exception of B Coy. which is at Karind, has been engaged in manning posts by day and by night on the perimeter of Mosul. The only part of the Regiment which was actively engaged, were those of the FIFTH who were attached to the Light Armoured Motor Battery, and we regret to record that the following were killed in action at Tel-A'-Far on or about the 3rd June:—

Lieut. Clive Smith, M.C.
No. 88901 Pte. W. Booth, A Coy.
„ 17384 Pte. R. Kennedy, B Coy.
„ 89167 Pte. W. Greenwood, C Coy.
„ 90152 Pte. A. Wilson, C Coy.

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Capt. E. H. Baxter was appointed Brigade-Major to a punitive column which left Mosul for Tel-A'-Far on the 5th June, and in our next notes we hope to forward a detailed account of the operations and also the circumstances under which Lieut. Clive Smith and his Detach-

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ment lost their lives. To the relations of those who were killed we tender our deepest sympathy.

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At the time of writing the situation appears to be more quiet, though by no means settled. Mosul—40 miles from the Kurdistan Border and 75 miles from the nearest railhead, Shergat—will always be a bone of contention. One reads in the *Times* that besides the fact that the Arabs would like to have self-government in Mosul, the Bolshevists have also designs on the town.

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Besides the perimeter of the town having a double-apron wire fence encircling it, our camp and barracks are surrounded by wire. We are ready for any emergency and any truculent or raiding Arabs would meet with a warm reception.

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The Arab is a born raider and last week raided the Government Military Dairy Farm, at Mosul, getting away with about 60 head of cattle. However, most of the cows

FRAGMENT, BELIEVED TO BE TIGLATH-PILESER 20TH, TAKING TRIBUTE FROM TOMASA-ATKINSER, A.D. 1920.

have been recovered and a small column has gone out to-day to exact toll and bring back the remainder.

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We have been kept so actively employed by our professional duties that we have had little or no time for games and sports during the last three weeks. The final of the Company Football League was won after three replays in the fourth game, D Coy. beating A Coy. by 1—0.

Cricket started early this month but has had to be temporarily abandoned. We hope, should the situation permit, to carry on with the Company League next week.

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The Mesopotamian climate is just beginning to "stoke up" and we have been having fairly high temperatures during the past fortnight. However, a cool night is a great boon and up-to-date we have been comparatively free from mosquitoes but the sand-fly has made its appearance.

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The undermentioned are appointed paid Lce.-Corporals from 29/5/20 to complete establishment:—

No. 95568 Lce.-Cpl. (actg. Cpl., unpaid) A. Suter, C Coy.
„ 8537 Lce.-Cpl. J. Fleming, D Coy.
„ 76143 Lce.-Cpl. H. Bradley, D Coy.
„ 98083 Lce.-Cpl. E. Brumwell, C Coy.
„ 86311 Lce.-Cpl. S. Adams, B Coy.
„ 89390 Lce.-Cpl. T. Holroyd, D Coy.
„ 79334 Lce.-Cpl. J. Olbey, B Coy.
„ 90491 Lce.-Cpl. S. Cox, C Coy.

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The undermentioned are appointed unpaid Lance-Corporals from 22/5/20:—

No. 79312 Pte. A. Kenning, A Coy.
„ 89945 Pte. P. Taylor, A Coy.

REGIMENTAL FOOTBALL CUP TIE.

A Coy. *versus* C Coy.

This match was played on the Battalion Football Ground on Friday, the 7th May, at a quarter to six in the evening.

The game opened in great style with a determined rush towards the opposing goal by the C Coy. forwards, the inside-right shooting for goal at about 30 yards distance, but failing to score. From a behind kick the ball was taken by the A Coy. centre-forward who passed it to his right wing man. He in turn centred it but the opposing left back cleared well. The game continued in much the same strain, the forwards of both sides combining well and the halves and backs playing sound games. The fault all through was the failure of the forwards to seize opportunities in front of goal, shots in nearly every case going wide. C Coy. had rather the better of the game and A Coy. were lucky to win by the narrow margin of 1 goal to *nil*, scored in the last quarter of an hour of the finish.

Final score: A Coy., 1; C Coy., 0.

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B Coy. *versus* D Coy.

Played on the Battalion Football Ground on the 11th May. Neither side were represented by their full team and the game was not up to usual standard.

B Coy. were the first to score, a good run up by their forwards resulting in a corner. The left wing man centred beautifully and the ball was kicked through the net by their centre-forward.

On the commencement of the second half the score stood at B Coy., 1; D Coy., 0.

The game continued very evenly, both sides being pretty even. About five minutes before time, D Coy. inside-

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right shot the equalizing goal and thus the game ended in a draw of one goal each.

Final score: D Coy., 1; B Coy., 1.

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B Coy. *versus* D Coy (Replay).

This match was replayed on the 13th, both teams again being without several of their regular players.

The game was very evenly contested, and on the whole the exhibition was a poor one. Both teams appeared stale, due, no doubt, to their strenuous efforts in the Divisional Football Tournament just previous. At half-time the score stood at 0—0 and it was not until within a minute or two of the finish that D Coy. scored a goal, thus qualifying them for the final.

Final score: D Coy., 1; B Coy., 0.

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FINAL.

A Coy. *versus* D Coy.

This match was played on the 20th May and proved quite exciting. Both teams were strongly represented and played hard, fast games. The forwards of both teams looked dangerous at times, but could not score. At half-time no goals had been scored.

On resuming play the game became very fast and when about a quarter hour from the finish D Coy. were awarded a penalty kick it looked as if A Coy. were beaten. However, D Coy.'s luck was out and their centre-forward failed to score from the penalty. A Coy. then retaliated by scoring a goal which was given off-side and the game ended in a draw.

Final score: A Coy., 0; D Coy., 0.

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REPLAY.

Replayed on the 22nd, again no goals were scored. The game was very evenly contested and both sides looked like scoring at times, but again the shooting into goal of the forwards left much to be desired. Extra time was played but no score resulted.

Final score: A Coy., 0; D Coy., 0.

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A Coy. *versus* D Coy.

Replayed 26th May.

No score. The forwards on both sides were below form.

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Replayed 27th May.

The form of the backs was the feature of the play. This time the D Coy. forwards combined better and scored early. In spite of all the efforts of A Coy. they were unable to equalise.

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Winning team of D Coy.:—No. 3892 Pte. C. Hill (*goal*); No. 97863 Pte. G. W. Scott and No. 89238 Lce.-Cpl. H. Phipps (*backs*); No. 89876 Pte. R. Bell, No. 98721 Pte. W. Gordon and No. 6838 Lce.-Sgt. J. Griffiths (*halves*): No. 95910 Pte. G. Cross, No. 38992 Pte. J. Philipps, No. 98502 Pte. J. Trainer, No. 95578 Pte. J. Harmer and Lieut. C. Smith (*forwards*).

No. 3504 Pte. J. Westgar was unable to play in the final.

Extract from *Baghdad Times* of 28th May, 1920:—

THE MOSUL SEASON.

(From a Correspondent.)

Our merrie season at Mosul ended with the races and a most enjoyable dance given by Col. C. P. Wynter and Officers, 52nd Sikhs (F.F.), at the Club on Wednesday, 19th inst. The Club was quite transformed by shaded pink lights and the Band of the Northumberland Fusiliers played the most dance inspiring tunes. The supper, which was most sumptuous, was laid out of doors, and everyone tucked in merrily. Our hosts spared no trouble in looking after their guests and everyone agreed it was one of the most pleasant dances of the season. The season was inaugurated by a dance given by two festive young Staff Officers who were born hosts. This dance was followed by one given by the 44th Batty. R.F.A. Next came one given by the M.G. Coy. Then the Master and Owners of the Nineveh Tripe Hounds, not to be outdone, gave their "Annual" Hunt Ball which was conviviality itself. The feature of this entertainment was the Band of the Northumberland Fusiliers which was much appreciated. Most of the ladies will be off to the hills soon, but we hope next cold weather there will be the same *camaraderie* and pleasure.

DEPOT NOTES.

On the 28th June the Depôt was inspected by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ivor Maxse who was accompanied by Maj.-Gen. Wilkinson and Staff, of Northumbrian Area. Gen. Maxse held a conference in the morning which was attended by all Officers, W.O.'s and Sergeants. After lunch the recruits were seen on parade and their appearance received a favourable comment from the G.O.C.

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In the afternoon Lady Maxse was "At Home" to the wives in the R.A. Recreation Room, and a Committee for a Mothers' Union was chosen, of which Mrs. Milne-Home was appointed Secretary, and Mrs. Ouzman the Fusiliers' representative.

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From all accounts the "At Home" was a great success, and Miss Deane, of the N.A.C.B., assisted nobly in providing a very enjoyable tea.

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We have been unfortunate with weather during the past three or four weeks and fine summer days have been of rare occurrence.

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The Garrison Cricket Team suffered a serious loss towards the end of June, when Capt. Milne-Home crocked a knee. He has, unfortunately, been *hors-de-combat* ever since.

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Two Garrison matches have been played. One at Benwell in which the Garrison was badly beaten. Maj. Cruddas, Mr. English, C.Q.M.S. Redhead and Lce.-Cpl. Peniston assisted the Garrison Team in this match.

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On the 20th July the Garrison played the Borderers' C.C. on the County Ground. During the afternoon the Officers of the Garrison were "At Home." The Band of the 1st Battalion played during the match and about 200 guests turned up to tea. We were all very pleased to see Gen. Wilkinson playing again and we heartily congratulate him on his great batting in both innings.

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We understand that he has not played since 1911 when he came down to play for the 2nd Battalion at Woolwich, and we hope that he will make many more runs now that he has started again.

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Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., left us on the 19th July on leave pending retirement. He has decided to take up motor engineering and this necessitates a long and very hard course of preliminary work.

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Capt. Freeman joined the 2nd Battalion before the second Battle of Ypres and served almost continuously with it until the Armistice. He was Adjutant of the Battalion during the whole period in Macedonia, and 2nd-in-Command when the Battalion returned to France in June, 1918. He was twice wounded with the Battalion and saw some of its most strenuous fighting, both in 1915 and during the advance of 1918.

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It is with very great regret that we record his departure from the Regiment, and we wish him the very best of luck in the work which he is now undertaking. Extract from his record of service is published in these notes.

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On the 24th July the ceremony of laying up the old 2nd Battalion Colours and consecrating and laying up the Colours of many of the Service Battalions will take place and we hope to give a full account of this in our next notes.

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Maj. W. M. Allan, O.B.E., retired 11/6/20.

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Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., proceeded home pending retirement and posting to Reserve of Officers 19/7/20.

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The following are extracts from their Records of Service, and are something to be proud of:—

Extracts from the Record of Service of Maj. W. M. Allen, O.B.E.:—

Gazetted Lieutenant and Quartermaster (Gravesend)	14/ 5/04
Home	12/ 7/84 to 16/ 9/92
South Africa	23/ 8/01 to 8/ 9/02
France	15/ 1/15 to 22/10/15
Macedonia	23/10/15 to 21/ 6/18
France	22/ 6/18 to 8/ 6/19
Mentioned in Despatches	1/1/16, 1/1/17, 4/1/19
Awarded O.B.E.	1/1/19

Several times employed on Staff of 84th Brigade and 29th Division during the late war.

Awarded the Order of Merit by H.R.H. Duke of Connaught for his temperance work in London 1905-1913, and of the Army Council in India 1913-14.

Retired, having reached the age limit, 11/6/20.

Extracts from the Record of Service of Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C.:—

Gazetted 2nd-Lieutenant in Northumberland Fusiliers	23/ 1/14
Promoted Lieutenant	17/12/14
Promoted Captain	23/ 7/16
Acting Major	27/5/18 to 6/ 5/19
Proceeded Overseas with 2nd Battalion	30/ 4/15
Wounded, proceeded Home and returned to 2nd Battalion	7/10/15
Wounded at Ypres	25/ 5/15
Wounded at Le Catelet, France	4/10/18
Mentioned in Despatches (France)	1/ 1/16
„ „ (Macedonia)	28/11/17
Awarded D.S.O.	15/ 2/19
Awarded Military Cross	1/ 1/18

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No. 600 C.S.M. H. Todd was discharged from the Service from 15/7/20 having been declared unfit for further service. After 16 years' service with the FIFTH, yet another of the most respected Fusiliers have departed for civil life, and it is hoped that he will have better luck in civil life.

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Recruiting is proceeding very slowly, and we regret to announce that of the number incoming during the past month, 40 per cent. have been discharged either by purchase or medically unfit for further service.

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We are more or less settling down to pre-war procedure, having cleared up the remains of the fifty odd Battalions of the Regiment that existed during the war. There are still some two to three hundred in hospital, many we are sorry to say, who will be patients for many months to come, having lost their limbs during the Great War. To these we tender our sympathy and hopes for their future.

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The Depôt, which is still the dumping ground for all personnel other than the Line Battalions, has played, and continues to play an important part in clearing up the absentees, etc., of the Regiment, and the Adjutant, with his Staff, are kept busy solving the problems of Courts-Martials, that invariably arise, when a man joins after two years or more absence.

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Arrivals and departures during the month:—

ARRIVALS.

No. 89320 Sgt. P. Hadley, joined from Calais	2/7/20

DEPARTURES.

No. 3672 Sgt. E. T. Pullan, to 1st Battalion	28/6/20
„ 13461 Sgt. W. Owens, Discharged	26/6/20
„ 90281 Sgt. T. Mulvay, Discharged	29/6/20
„ 89166 Sgt. J. Warwick, Discharged	29/6/20
„ 10000 Sgt.-Instr. P. Kenny, A.G.S. attd., proceeded to join his own Unit (East Lancs)	7/7/20

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CERTIFICATES OF EDUCATION.

The following were granted Certificates of Education as stated:—

2ND CLASS—Dated 2/7/20.

No. 99942 Pte. L. Smith

3RD CLASS—Dated 2/7/20.

No. 94088 Pte. H. Mc. D. Lyons	No. 94096 Pte. R. Woods
„ 94106 Pte. J. T. Mathews	„ 99915 Pte. W. Robson
„ 99959 Pte. N. Newton	„ 99983 Pte. J. Burdie
„ 99924 Pte. J. McDine	„ 99920 Pte. C. D. Taylor
„ 99927 Pte. W. J. Anderson	

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The following Drafts proceeded to the 1st Battalion:—

11 Recruits, under Sgt. Ryan, on 8th July, 1920.
9 Recruits, under Cpl. Lawrence, on 9th July, 1920.

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The following Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s form the permanent Cadre of the Depôt:—

Commanding Officer.—Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O.
Adjutant.—Capt. A. C. Milne-Home, M.C.
O.C. No. 1 Coy.—Capt. and Bt.-Maj. H. M. Heyder, M.C.
O.C. No. 2 Coy.—Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O.
Recruiting Staff.—Lieut. C. R. English.
Lieut. W. Taylor.
Lieut. A. O. Wardle.
Sergeant-Major.—No. 5231 Sgt.-Maj. W. G. Ouzman.
Quartermaster-Sergeant.—No. 202 Q.M.S. S. Ambury.
Orderly Room Sergeant.—No. 2346 Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) J. Wardle.
Sergeant-Drummer.—No. 5301 Sgt.-Dmr. H. S. Slater.
Sergeant Cook.—No 3837 Sgt. W. Evetts.
Company Sergt.-Majors.—No. 258 C.S.M. W. Dresser.
„ 6452 C.S.M. T. E. Thompson.
„ 794 C.S.M. C. Guttridge.
„ 69 C.S.M. G. Prophet.
Company Qrmr.-Sergeants.—No. 1434 C.S.M. F. Watson.
„ 5781 C.S.M. F. B. Lee.
„ 9891 C.Q.M.S. G. H. Woods.
„ 9360 C.Q.M.S. D. Redhead.

Sergeants:—

No. 2401 Sgt. A. E. Timbers	No. 2170 Sgt. P. Marrs
„ 8088 Sgt. J. Featherstone	„ 8709 Sgt. F. A. Wagg
„ 3775 Sgt. F. Bloxham	„ 2041 Sgt. A. Deeks
„ 6830 Sgt. A. Price	„ 3835 Sgt. A. C. Fennemore
„ 3674 Sgt. J. W. Lewis	„ 7583 Sgt. W. North

Corporals:—

No. 923 Lce.-Sgt. E. O. Ryan	No. 3568 Cpl. J. Marshall
„ 6832 Cpl. F. Phillips	„ 2823 Cpl. A. Scott
„ 14428 Cpl. R. Dudley	„ 2748 Lce.-Sgt. J. Paradise
„ 3861 Cpl. J. Hopewell	„ 497 Cpl. J. Wilson
„ 3894 Cpl. G. C. Knapp	„ 89964 Cpl. F. G. Ward
„ 17139 Cpl. P. Howells	„ 63044 Cpl. F. Dixon
„ 88963 Cpl. J. Evans	„ 98158 Cpl. D. Blakey
„ 98112 Cpl. R. W. Smith	„ 22293 Cpl. B. Blackett

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The following are still at the Depôt awaiting re-posting:

No. 899 C.S.M. G. H. Groves	No. 96054 C.S.M. C. H. Starling
„ 76426 C.S.M. H. Duncan	„ 649 Sgt. W. Lewis
„ 93959 Sgt. G. Wright	

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Scores of Cricket Match Garrison *v.* Borderers:—

GARRISON.

1st innings.		2nd innings.	
Maj. McDonnell, c Noble, b Skinner	10	c Thompson, b Arkwright	9
C.Q.M.S. Rason, c and b Arkwright	5	c Thompson, b Watson	13
Gen. Wilkinson, c Thompson, b Watson	39	b Skinner	57
H. Liddell, c Ridley, b Sample	13	c Skinner, b Arkwright	12
Capt. Gordon, c Thompson, b Skinner	1	b Skinner	0
C. R. L. English, c and b Arkwright	1	b Skinner	11
Capt. Rushbrooke, b Emley	15	b Arkwright	0
L. S. Briggs, b Watson	1	b Skinner	13
Maj. Cruddas, c Mortimer, b Watson	0	c and b Arkwright	2
Shoeing-Smith Lee, b Emley	13	c Emley, b Skinner	4
Bdm. Bishop, not out	1	not out	3
Extras	11	Extras	24
Total	110	Total	148

BORDERERS.

J. C. Thompson, run out	32
H. V. Dickinson, lbw, b Gordon	13
C. J. Arkwright, c Briggs, b Lee	54
A. L. B. Skinner, c English, b Rushbrooke	72
C. B. Thompson, b Rushbrooke	13
R. J. Mortimer, c and b Gordon	0
J. H. Watson, b Gordon	0
T. N. Sample, b Rushbrooke	0
H. B. Emley, not out	13
H. Noble, did not bat	
A. H. Ridley, did not bat	
Extras	14
Total (innings declared)	211

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On the evening of the 15th we had one of those sad celebrations which took the form of a "Smoker" to bid farewell to C.S.M. Cochran on the completion of 21 years' service with the FIFTH. What shall we say of "Cock?" From the writer's point of view he has been one of those staunch Fusiliers, ever in the thick of the hard work and one who, as we get on in length of Service, we admire for the keen spirit which he has always shown in the Regiment. It must indeed be a hard knock when one closes the episode of 21 years with the Colours.

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Proceedings opened about 8.30 p.m. with a company of about 50, among whom it was pleasant to pick out such faces as "Haddon," "Phillipson," "Balding" and others. With R.S.M. Ouzman in the chair we had a most enjoyable evening.

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Item 1, "I've joined the Bolshevics," by C.S.M. Paddon, D.L.I., started us all cackling; no talent was forthcoming after this initial success but on a whip round the civilian element we discovered a Mr. Rogers who rendered "Mamie of Mine" in excellent song. A splendid marble clock suitably inscribed was then presented to the honoured guest, who all but broke down when returning thanks. Song and patter followed each other until 9.30 p.m., when C.S.M. Cochran led a merry throng to a well cooked supper. Among the hits of the evening mention must be made of ex-C.Q.M.S. Phillipson's "Jogging Along the High Road" and "Friend of Mine."

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The musical selections by Sgt.-Dmrs. Slater and Dodson, C.S.M. Watson and C.Q.M.S. Redhead were voted the best turn of the evening.

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Clr.-Sgt. Lichfield, D.L.I., gave a very novel turn in "A Modern Houdini," and a very pleasant evening was wound up at 23.00 hours with "Auld Lang Syne" and "The King."

4TH BATTALION NOTES.

The Battalion spent a week-end in Camp at Ponteland on the 16th and the majority of the N.C.O.'s and men took advantage of this opportunity to complete their Annual Musketry Course.

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The weather was not all that could be desired, rain and mist interfering greatly with the firing on Friday and

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Saturday, but fortunately we had a fine day on Sunday, enabling the Battalion to make up the time lost on the two previous days.

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Owing to the absence of train service from Ponteland on Sunday the Companies hired motor char-a-bancs to take them back to their Headquarters, but it appears that the Prudoe Company's arrangements broke down, the result being that a very weary Instructor and his party arrived at Newcastle in the early hours of Monday morning, having marched from Ponteland. As they were in complete marching order, probably the first occasion since the Armistice, one can sympathise with their desire for the body of the driver of the car responsible for their hardships.

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We are glad to be able to report a further increase in our numbers, and if all the promises are made good the Battalion will soon reach a respectable size.

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It has been definitely decided that the Brigade go to Scarborough for Annual Training on the 14th August for 15 days.

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The N.C.O.'s Mess and Recreation Room are now in working order at Hexham.

5TH BATTALION NOTES.

We are happy to be able to say that recruiting results during the past month have been most satisfactory—we are now over 400 strong and men continue to enlist in large numbers, the permanent staff having their hands full.

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Since the publication of our last notes, the Battalion has taken over the Drill Hall at Whitley Bay, formerly used by the now extinct Northern Cyclist Battalion, and we are hoping to raise a Company in this well populated area.

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Capt. and Qrmr. E. W. Thompson, formerly of the 2nd Battalion, and an ex-R.S.M. of this Battalion has taken over the duties of Quartermaster, having joined us from the 36th Battalion.

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The following is a list of the Officers of the Battalion, all of whom served at different periods with the Unit during the war:—

Commanding Officer.—Lieut.-Col. Arnold Irwin, D.S.O.
Second-in-Command.—Maj. H. Luhrs, C.M.G.
Adjutant.—Capt. J. D. Butler, M.B.E.
Transport Officer.—Capt. F. Kinsella.
Signal Officer.—Lieut. C. V. Alder.
Assistant Adjutant.—Lieut. J. Smith.

A Coy.	B Coy.
Maj. I. M. Tweedy	Maj. D. Hill, M.C.
Capt. F. N. Grinling	Capt. G. S. Haggie, M.C.
Lieut. N. Heslop	Lieut. J. O. Robson
Lieut. T. A. Carlisle	Lieut. R. A. Forster
2nd-Lieut. F. F. Ridley	Lieut. E. Todd
	2nd-Lieut. R. A. Summersby

C Coy.	D Coy.
Maj. P. P. Phillips	Capt. W. H. Leete, D.F.C.
Lieut. O. Young, M.C.	Capt. H. G. Dodds
Lieut. T. A. Herdman	Lieut. S. Morrison
Lieut. G. J. Garrard, M.C.	Lieut. G. McCree
	Lieut. T. A. Johnson

Medical Officers.—Maj. E. Babst
Maj. F. Grinling
Capt. S. Clegg, O.B.E.

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The Officers' Monthly Mess Dinner was held at Walker on the 6th July when twenty-six Officers attended and a delightful evening was spent.

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Of the other ranks, the Sergeants' Mess is always well filled, and among its members are Robert Fletcher, D.C.M., Medialle Militaire, Croix de Guerre, R.S.M. of the Battalion in France from 1917 to 1919, who has now joined us as an attached Instructor; C.Q.M.S. Jude, late Orderly Room Sergeant; Sgt. Bell (Transport Sergeant), Sgt. Pearce (Signal Sergeant), Sgt. L. Berford, D.C.M., M.M. (Lewis Gun Sergeant), and Sgts. Nesbit, Keegans, R. Kennedy, Bly, Coxon, Black and Dixon (Gosforth).

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The undermentioned have recently joined the Mess:—C.Q.M.S. Gadson (B Coy.), ex-Sgt. (now C.Q.M.S.) No. 5905 J. Dixon, M.M. (19 years with the 1st Battalion and invalided medically unfit after having fought practically throughout the war with the Senior Battalion), and also Sgt. "Bessie" Piper, ex-2203 C.Q.M.S. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions. At present the latter holds the official capacity of Sergeants' Mess Caterer, and the Sergeants have no reason for complaint.

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Whilst we are hoping that shortly we shall have a Brass Band, the Drum and Fife Band under ex-Drum-Maj. George Maughan, continue to do good work. Drum-Maj. Maughan with his great organising capacity and incomparable drawing powers is devoting hours of his spare time to bringing our Drums and Fifes up to perfection, and he is obtaining excellent results. The Drums are undoubtedly a great help during our present recruiting campaign.

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Of the Drum and Fife Band are ex-Drum-Maj. Maughan's two sons, Sgt.-Dmr. T. Maughan and Cpl. George Maughan, also Cpl. Aitchison who went out to France with the Battalion in 1915 and returned with the Cadre in 1919, after four years' continuous service.

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Over 200 Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the Battalion went into a Musketry Camp at Ponteland for the week-end, 16th to 18th July, and despite the weather—rain and mist interfering with the shooting—and the fact that our first consignment of rifles (180 of them) only arrived on the eve of departure, the results were satisfactory, and a great deal of good work was carried out.

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It is expected that between 200 and 300 men of the Unit will attend our second week-end camp at Ponteland from the 30th July to 2nd August.

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7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
6th July, 1920.

The Battalion came into being again in February but unfortunately the start was not too auspicious as the C.O. and Permanent Staff had not been appointed. In the meanwhile Lieut.-Col. G. Reavell, O.B.E., T.D., Alnwick, acted as C.O. and did some useful work. Shortly afterwards R.S.M. Rowsell, M.S.M., C.S.M. Matthews and Sgt. Sandy arrived from the 1st Battalion to form our Permanent Staff.

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Early in March Capt. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., Morpeth, who during the war commanded the 1/5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, was appointed to the command. Col. Wright, who was previously in the 1st V.B.N.F. and saw service in the South African War with one of the Service Companies, joined the Battalion at Gosforth Park in September, 1914, and was for long its 2nd-in-Command overseas, is extremely popular with all ranks, who know that the right man has been put in the right place. Our heartiest congratulations are due to him on his appointment. Maj. H. R. Smail, Berwick, is the new 2nd-in-Command.

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In March also Maj. R. M. St. John Booth, D.S.O., 1st Battalion, arrived at Alnwick on his appointment as Adjutant. Since his arrival he has displayed much activity in recruiting and other matters of organisation and already it can be said that the Battalion has been lucky to secure him.

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In May we were delighted to hear the news that Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Rifle Brigade, and formerly 5th Fusiliers, was re-appointed our Brigadier. As Adjutant of this Battalion from 1908-11—its first years as a Unit—he had much to do with its success in those days and there is no doubt his appointment has stimulated interest in recruiting for it lately.

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Through recruiting commencing at what in pre-war days was the slackest time of the year, it was naturally very sticky at first. But by dint of securing some of the old W.O.'s and "Non-Coms" and setting them to enlist their friends we have now begun to make progress, and encouraging reports are to hand from Ashington, Berwick and Bedlington. At the latter place the C.O. was fortunate to secure a first class band intact.

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Among our old Officers to decide to throw in their lot with the reconstituted Unit are:—Capt. Hon. W. J. M. Watson-Armstrong, Rothbury; Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., Berwick; Lieut. E. H. Crow, Berwick; Lieut. H. R. Peters, Berwick; Lieut. E. H. Watson, Newcastle; Lieut. W. C. S. Gregson, Morpeth; and Lieut. T. O. Donkin, Rothbury.

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We have to welcome Capt. H. B. Speke, O.B.E., Morpeth, from the 4th Battalion, and Capt. Noble, Alnwick.

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Capts. Watson-Armstrong, Cowen, Speke and Noble are to command the Companies stationed at Ashington, Berwick, Morpeth and Alnwick respectively.

Among the "old hands" to take on among W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s are ex-R.S.M. T. H. Hall, Berwick; ex-R.Q.M.S. Balmbro, Warkworth; ex-Sgts. Robinson and Donoghue, Alnwick; ex-Sgt. B. Riddell, Amble; ex-R.Q.M.S. Douglas, ex-Sgts. H. G. Patterson and Swanston, D.C.M., Berwick; ex-Sgt. Harding, Ashington; and ex-Sgt. G. H. Clark, Belford. We hope to be able to give further names next month.

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We go under canvas at Scarborough from 14th to 29th August and if we have as good a time as when we were last there in 1912 then all ranks will return with good accounts and, no doubt, many more will join up. Our only regret is that the venue of annual training was not announced when the reconstitution scheme was launched, in which case we are sure we should have had many more men for camp. Drills have commenced this month in preparation.

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Our latest arrival is Lieut. T. A. Price, from the 1st Battalion, who has been appointed Quartermaster. He is to be congratulated on his preferment.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
31st July, 1920.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

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Would readers kindly note that we shall be away from the Editorial Sanctum till the middle of September. We make this announcement, not from the expectation (seemingly held by the distinguished proprietor of a group of contemporaries who constantly makes similar ones in thick type!!) that our absence will have any appreciable effect upon the dynamic forces of the Universe, but in case any of our readers become alarmed at the tardy replies to their letters!!

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Subscriptions due in August:—

Lieut.-Col. C. Hawkes
Lieut.-Col. A. Vignoles, D.S.O.
Lieut. J. Pearson
Mr. A. Chapman
G. Renwick, Esq., M.P.

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Capt. T. R. Ellison, M.C.	Mrs. F. Robson (2nd Batt.)
Mr. Grant (2nd Batt.)	Lieut. W. Smart

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Letter to the Editor.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY,
8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
30th June, 1920.

To the Editor, "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions and donations received between 1st April and 30th June, 1920, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B. ..	3	3	0
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Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lieut.-Col.),
Secretary.

MEMORIAL FUND FIRST AND SECOND BATTALIONS NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
24th July, 1920.

Lieut.-Col. J. Bett has joined the Committee in place of Lieut.-Col. G. F. Leather who has resigned.

Subscriptions received to date are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Maj. C. J. Finch	20	0	0
Maj. H. H. Prideaux	10	0	0
Mr. A. Brewis	5	5	0
Lieut.-Col. S. M. Binny	5	5	0
Mrs. Harkness	3	3	0
Miss J. Harkness	0	10	6
Total	£44	3	6

ARCHIBALD MILNE HOME, Captain,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

THE BATTALION RE-UNION.

Demobilisation scattered the atoms of a solid Battalion in a thousand different directions, there to resume, if possible, their several individualities. They could be seen in the streets, some clad in the latest fashion, others, less fortunate, making the best of much worn pre-war clothing. Their carriage and general demeanour were unmistakable; the Army had left its stamp upon them. Facial expressions varied from the gay smile of the flaneur, and the hesitating smile of the nervous, to the tragic, twisted grimace of the nerve-wrecked. Here one cleaved a way through the crowd for a demure young lady whose luminous eyes told—well, what they told; there, a harassed father marshalled his shuffling snuffling "section" of youngsters past the lures of the candy-stall.

How would they look at the Battalion Reunion? How would they talk? In the long hall they sorted themselves round the tables and proceeded to do ample justice to the good things, justice not tempered with mercy. The conversation seemed stilted at first; formal exchanges for the most part. By the end of the second course the spasmodic buzz of talk had given way to a sustained chorus, laughter forming a joyous accompaniment. From then onwards the proceedings were lively.

Immediately dinner was finished, there was a rush. The souvenir collecting fever recurred. Menu cards passed and re-passed for the signatures of the Officers; shy folk were not backward. As the little groups collected, mingled, dispersed and re-collected the conversation shaped itself into odd snatches. Phrases were as searchlights illuminating the inner workings of the minds of those with whom we had worked and fought. A few stuck in the memory of the writer, and gave much impulse to later thought.

"Jimmy Hogan? Oh, his boss offered him his pre-war wage; so he told the boss to go to hell and then he re-enlisted. . . . . Wise man. . . . . ."

"No, take my advice. Wait a bit and don't buy any furniture. ..... You'll be 'rushed' ..... not worth it. ....."

"I want to see the 'old man.' Maybe he can help me. . . . . No, I won't be fit again for two years at least; and the —— have cut down my pension to twenty-three shillings. . . . . No, I cannot work at my trade. . . . . The last roof I was on was the St. Jean Hospital in Arras. . . . . I'm damned if I'll see the wife and bairns starve . . . . . ."

". . . . Oh, I had a letter from Germaine. A *bonne* lass that; she's still at the Estaminet but finds life duller without . . . . ."

"Driving horses? N.B.F.!! Got a job with Hillyards, the printers. Cushy job. Horses '*na poo*' nowadays. . . ."

"Doing? Do you remember the strike at Applegarth's when the Ministry of Labour sent a batch of men there to learn engineering? Well, I was one they struck over! Done 'nowt' since, but waiting till things blow over. . . ."

"You won't remember me, sir. . . . Yes, I am Angus, wounded at Guillemont. . . . . No, crippled for life. . . . Still merry and bright."

"Just got a tip for the Grand National . . . . put your shirt on it."

"Dick's not here . . . . divorce . . . . a rotten business."

"Aye, that special leave he worked was clever, but . . ."

"I went to the 10th Battalion and was in the Messines show. Stopped another . . . . . home duty . . . . C3 or something like that. . . . ."

"Marie threatened to come to England . . . . make a decent wife. . . . ."

The audible phrases rose above the general undertones and made a strange pattern of sound. Flippancy, tragedy, humour, despair, savage rancour, light-heartedness merged in the motif. Suddenly the band played a lively air, and the men paired off to dance on a bit of the soil for which they had suffered and would suffer, a bit of the soil of the "country fit for heroes to live in."

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A STRIKER'S PARADISE.

The various "Sundays" in the week which are observed in Algiers remind one of the schoolboy who, in writing out the fourth Commandment in an examination paper, made the following revolutionary statement: "Six days shalt thy neighbour do all that thou hast to do; the seventh day thou shalt do no manner of work!"

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St. George's Gazette.

A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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near WALLINGFORD,
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"The Snapper"
"The Oak Tree"
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"Green Howard's Gazette"
"The Gunner"

The Editor begs to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscriptions and payments for *Gazettes*, etc., from:—

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Mr. C. A. Smith ..	„ 8/21	Capt. Ross	*Gazettes*
Capt. J. Pearson ..	„ 8/21		

BIRTHS.

LEIGH—On the 29th July, 1920, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the wife of No. 7538 Lce.-Cpl. J. Leigh—a son.

SITWELL.—On the 14th August, at Barmoor Castle, Northumberland, the wife of Brig.-Gen. William Sitwell, C.B., D.S.O.—a son.

MARRIAGES.

SETH-SMITH—McKERGOW.—On the 14th August, at St. Peter's, Twineham, Sussex, by the Rev. Canon Dormer Pierce (uncle of the bridegroom), Kenneth Arthur Seth-Smith, 5th Fusiliers, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Seth-Smith, Colwood, Bolney, Sussex, to Doris Roberta, only daughter of Lieut.-Col. R. W. McKergow, O.B.E., M.F.H., and Mrs. McKergow, Twineham Grange, Sussex.

McEWAN—GIBNEY.—On the 18th August, at MacLeod, Alberta, Canada, Mr. H. McEwan, of the North West Mounted Police, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. McEwan, Pittsburgh, Pa., U.S.A., to Miss May Gibney, of Dublin, Ireland.

DEATH.

HETHERINGTON.—On the 1st August, 1920, at the North Eastern Hospital (from diphtheria), Adelaide Hetherington, daughter of Pte. E. Hetherington, late 1st Battalion, aged 6 years.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following Gentleman Cadet, from the Royal Military College, to be 2nd-Lieut., with effect from 16th July, 1920:—P. H. Earle.

Lieut. C. Girdlestone is secd. for service under the Colonial Office (dated 18th June).

Restoration to the estbt. of Lieut. W. W. Arnold, notified 27th Feby., is cancelled.

Capt. H. C. Kirsopp resigns his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd June).

Capt. C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 12th Aug.).

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C., late Capt., North. Fusrs., to be Maj. (dated 12th Aug.).

Capt. R. D. M. Tims is placed on the h.p. list on account of ill-health (dated 17th Aug.).

To be tempy. Capt. while specially employed.—Capt. E. G. Bodger, late Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 6th Aug.).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Lieut. H. A. Bending is placed on the ret. list on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 10th May). (Substituted for the notification in *Gazette* of 2nd June.)

Lieut. H. Donald resigns with rank (dated 18th June). 2nd-Lieut. W. Flowers to be Lieut. (dated 9th April).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following Qr.-Mr. and Capt., from Gen. List, T.F., to be Qr.-Mr., with rank of Capt.—

5th Batt.—E. W. Thompson (dated 1st May).

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Infantry.—Capt. H. D. Liddell, D.S.O., M.C., from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 4th Aug.); Lieut. A. D. Adams, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 4th Aug.); Lieut. H. Mason, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 4th Aug.); Lieut. F. Ridley, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs. to be Lieut. (dated 4th Aug.).

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. Shiel to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919).

Capt. D. R. Herriott, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Capt.; Capt. J. Welch to be Capt.; and Lieuts. J. B. Annett, S. H. Burns, P. J. L. Cole, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Lieuts.; Lieut. F. Hare to be Capt.; Lieuts. R. A. Prescott, N. G. Turnbull, to be Lieuts.; and 2nd-Lieut. R. W. H. Lowther, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be 2nd-Lieut.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. C. Bland to be Lieut. (dated 25th March).

5th Batt.—Lieut. A. Morris, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 18th Aug.), and is granted rank of Capt.

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Steel to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919), with prec. next below T. Holt; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. R. P. Davison relinquishes his commsn. on appt. to T.F. (dated 4th Aug.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. (actg. Capt. and Adjt.) J. H. Scott relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 20th June), and is granted rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. R. de P. Dallin relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th July), and is granted rank of Capt.; Tempy. Lieut. J. W. Hunt relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st Jany.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. G. A. Peacock to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919), with prec. next below L. Langley.

Tempy. Lieut. A. V. Curry, from Gen. List, to be tempy. Capt. (dated 20th April, 1919, with seniority from 16th Dec., 1916); tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. Smith to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Sept., 1918, with prec. next below H. C. Pettett).

Tempy. Lieut. W. Meadows relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th July), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. F. W. Hird, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th Aug.), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. R. Wielkins relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd Feby. 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. Paterson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 10th April, 1919), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

9th Batt.—Lieut. F. G. Palmer (6th Batt. R. Fusrs., Spec. Res.) relinquishes actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 1st Nov., 1919).

The following casualty reported by the War Office under date 3rd August, is regretfully recorded:—

Killed in Action.—Lieut. C. Smith, M.C., North. Fusrs.

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Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

No less than two weddings have to be recorded. That of Lieut. A. H. Gatehouse, M.C., attached to Tank Corps, and Lieut. K. A. Seth Smith. Our best wishes and heartiest congratulations go with them both.

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We are now in the throes of Draft finding and 100 of us are under orders to proceed to join the 2nd Battalion on the outposts of the Empire. From all reports the change from the quiet routine of Bordon will be somewhat drastic. If the press does not exaggerate, their service from now onwards promises to be anything but inactive.

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The Battalion has figured rather prominently in the world of sport during the last month. At the "Game of Games," Polo, we entered a team for the Garrison Tournament and drew as our opponents the Royal Garrison Artillery. Our handicaps were even and after a most exciting struggle we managed to draw level with the gunners. At the end of the last chukka, extra time was played; by dint of assuming and maintaining a vigorous offensive we scored the deciding goal. Result: A win for the FIFTH—5—4. The first round left us to face a strong combination of Nomads, "Bordon United," who had defeated the 21st Fusiliers fairly easily.

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The Regimental Team consisted of:—

Bt.-Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.
Maj. E. L. D. Forster.
Capt. P. Sidney.
Lieut. K. A. Seth Smith.

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The Regiment was "At Home" on the Polo Ground during the playing off of the 1st Round.

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The final resulted in a win to Bordon United, better mounted and experienced players, by 8 goals to 2.

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Cricket has vanished into the mire of the erstwhile pitch giving place to semi aquatic sports such as football, which will soon be in full swing.

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The team is already in the making and we count on having at least eleven men left in the Battalion. We have entered for the Army Cup, Aldershot Command Senior League, Inter-Company Tournament and Boys' Tournament.

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Q.M.S. Pack has been chosen to serve on the Command Selection Committee and the Referees' Sub-Committee.

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In the several Athletic Meetings that have been held of late the Battalion has proved very successful. The performance is the more to be commended as we are very weak at present, and below the average strength of Units in the Command.

On the 27th of July the Battalion competed in the Brigade Inter-Unit Championship and secured second place, the results being as follows:—

100 Yards.—C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, 2nd; Lce.-Cpl. Jones, 3rd.
220 Yards.—Cpl. Reed, 1st; Sgt. Shipley, 3rd.
120 Yards Hurdles.—Lieut. R. E. D. O'Dowd, 3rd.
One Mile.—Pte. Golightly, 1st.
440 Yards.—Sgt. Calvert, 1st.
Three Miles.—Pte. Stewart, 1st.
880 Yards.—Pte. Harper, 4th.

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Although the Battalion did very well in the events they competed in, there were a large number of events in which they had no entries, consequently many points were lost. Result:—

1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers	89 points
5th Fusiliers	57 points
1st Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers	39 points

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The Battalion qualified to compete in the League Championship to be held in Aldershot on the 7th of August.

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The results of the Inter-Unit Championship held on the 7th of August in Aldershot were as follows:—

100 Yards.—Lce.-Cpl. Jones, 4th.
220 Yards.—Cpl. Reed, 1st; Sgt. Shipley, 3rd.
120 Yards Hurdles.—Lieut. R. E. D. O'Dowd, 3rd.
Long Jump.—Bds. Obey, 3rd; Lce.-Cpl. Windram, 4th.
High Jump.—Pte. Purcell, 3rd; Sgt. Pullman, 5th.
440 Yards.—Sgt. Calvert, 1st; C.S.M. Vines, 6th.
880 Yards.—Pte. Harper, 4th.
One Mile.—Pte. Golightly, 1st; Lce.-Cpl. McGuire, 6th.
Three Miles.—Pte. Stewart, 1st.

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Great excitement was caused before the final of the last race which was the 220 Yards. The Royal Dublin Fusiliers were leading by two points for the second position, our only chance being that our two competitors who had qualified for the final finished in the first three. After a very exciting race Cpl. Reed finished first with Sgt. Shipley third, thus we were the runners-up for the Command Championship, which considering the strength of the Battalion, also the short time the men had to train, was a very creditable performance. The points gained are as follows:—

1st Batt. East Lanc. Regiment.	57 points
5th Fusiliers	52 points
1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers	49 points
1st Batt. King's Royal Rifles	20 points
1st Batt. Notts. and Derby's	11 points

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The Battalion having gained second position in the Command Championship have qualified to compete in the Army Championship.

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The Relay Team of the Battalion ran at the Royal Aircraft Sports held at Farnborough on the 14th August and carried off second prize, being beaten by the Surrey A.C.A. only by a few yards. Team:—C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, Sgt. Shipley, Cpl. Reed, Pte. Golightly.

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The Bowls Team though depleted by the loss of some of its best talent, managed to play two matches during the month, having recruited new members. At Liss, playing

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one man short, we sustained a defeat by the narrow margin of 14 points. On August the 14th Liphook once again proved their superiority, winning by 16 points. Paucity of players have rendered club competitions impracticable.

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The result of the Shooting match between the Officers and Warrant Officers is shown in the Sergeants' Mess Notes.

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Their talented contributor appears, however, to be so greatly at a loss to find excuses for the result, that it is surprising to discover that the inauspicious date was not also held to account. The explanation chosen in extenuation hardly holds water in view of the fact that they are all married men and consequently only "Transferred" their pay. They may of course prefer to pretend to a freedom of movement which all bachelors know to be non-existent.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrivals during month.—*Nil.*

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Departure during the month.—2nd Lieut. E. E. J. Whitting on retirement, 24th July, 1920.

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Lieut. R. Alexander, M.M., on leave pending embarkation for duty with the West African Regiment, 20th August, 1920.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On the 13th inst. the Officers challenged the W.O.'s to a shoot on the Miniature Range which resulted in a win for the Officers by 35 points. Individual scores were as follows:—

OFFICERS.

	1st Ptce.	2nd Ptce.	3rd Ptce.	4th Ptce.	Total.
Capt. E. E. Dorman Smith, M.C.	18	12	15	10	55
Capt. H. I. Powell	19	17	12	16	64
Lieut. R. E. D. O'Dowd ..	21	13	15	13	62
2nd-Lieut. H. G. B. Styran ..	12	14	12	15	53
Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C. ..	19	14	12	15	60
Lieut. G. J. W. Gatehouse ..	21	18	12	18	69
2nd-Lieut. W. N. C. Crawhall	13	16	12	12	53
Lieut. R. Alexander, M.M. ..	20	19	12	13	64
Grand total					480

WARRANT OFFICERS.

	1st Ptce.	2nd Ptce.	3rd Ptce.	4th Ptce.	Total.
S.M. G. Pullen, D.C.M. ..	10	18	12	12	52
Q.M.S. C. Adlard	15	19	12	15	61
Q.M.S. (O.R.S.) W. Pack ..	19	19	15	12	65
C.S.M. E. Vines	15	20	15	16	66
C.S.M. A. Graham	13	11	12	17	53
C.S.M.I.M. E. M. Bradford ..	18	15	9	9	51
C.S.M. R. Avery	18	9	6	5	38
C.S.M. Dipper, D.C.M. ..	19	16	15	9	59
Grand total					445

We wonder whether the fact that this match was fired on a Friday evening (which by the way is the weekly pay day) has any bearing on the result???

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On the 31st July a successful social was given in the Mess. This was attended by all the wives of the members who together with the visitors thoroughly enjoyed the evening's entertainment.

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Our thanks are due to Sgt. Gosman, who with the aid of his two "Highly Trained" assistants (C.S.M. Bradford and C.Q.M.S. Knapp) gave a very clever exhibition of various card and conjuring tricks.

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Once again we are called upon to tend our congratulations to a member on account of an addition to the family, this time Q.M.S. and Mrs. Adlard on the birth of a son, both of the latter we are pleased to say are doing well.

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Only one arrival has to be recorded during the month, Staff-Sgt. W. Hornible being attached to us for cost accounting purposes.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Now that the time has come for the Battalion to send Drafts to the 2nd Battalion, the "wind" is up as far as it can be in all the Messes. However, the names of the two Corporals to proceed on leave prior to embarkation have been published, all the young N.C.O.'s are again breathing freely; but how long for it is impossible to say, the names are:—No. 58886 Cpl. Higgins and No. 88915 Cpl. Hebburn.

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There will be no need for Cpl. Higgins to be acclimatised as during the war this N.C.O. spent three years in Mesopotamia, but alas it is hard to say how many more "Date Seasons" he will be able to go through.

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We wish to congratulate Lce.-Cpl. and Mrs. Eardley on the birth of a daughter, although at the same time we were greatly disappointed as we all looked forward to a son to complete the Cadre of a Young Soldiers' Battalion in Bordon; the weight of this bouncing baby was 9½ pounds.

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The Mess has been very quiet of late, this might be accounted for by the fact that one or two of the older soldiers have signed the pledge. The R.A.T.A. have been duly warned to obtain medals after they have completed one year (it is well worth a medal to go one year without such a luxury).

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One of our N.C.O.'s who has spent a long time on the Administrative Staff in Mesopotamia and came home from Sharaban, is now devoting his spare time to lecturing recruits on the country, at the same time trying to teach them Arabic; quite confidentially he tells us he would rather teach an Arab English than a "Geordie" Arabic.

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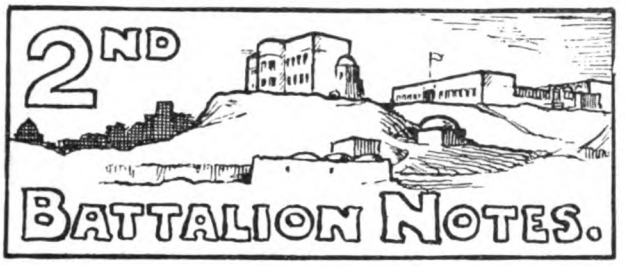
OFFICERS' MESS, MOSUL.



MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
16th July, 1920.

Since the despatch of our last notes the situation has become quieter on our front and we are once more engaged on our normal activities—musketry and Company training, with one Company at Karind. The first fortnight in June we were all very much occupied in manning posts on the perimeter of Mosul and erecting long lengths of double-apron barbed wire.

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We hope that our columns have shown the Arab that we mean business and that this part of the country will now remain quiet for a time.

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Further down the line on the Euphrates fighting is in progress now and our columns are active.

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We are now in the midst of the hot weather and though Mosul is reputed to be one of the coolest, if not *the* coolest place in Mesopotamia, we have been having temperatures of 110 degrees in the tents; however, up-to-date the men are very fit.

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Various rumours from all sorts of sources are rife about a move to India this autumn but no definite information on the subject is forthcoming.

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Rumours come from all sorts of sources and all sorts of omens are supposed to portend that a move is certain. As usual various people are reported to be the authority for the news, prominent amongst them being brewers, contractors, head clerks in offices and a dozen other sources. We hope our move will take place from every point of view.

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We have played a certain amount of practice games in Company cricket but no serious matches have as yet been played.

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Elsewhere we give the scores and results of matches. We have got Battalion swimming races coming off this week in the Tigris which is about a mile distant from our camp. Bathing in the Tigris has its drawbacks as the sulphur springs flow into it and make it somewhat odoriferous.

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B Coy. and the married families are still at Karind, in Persia, where they seem to have been free from the attentions of the Bolshevists. The accommodation at Karind consists of E.P. Tents, though sites have been earmarked for all sorts of things, including clubs, tennis courts and polo grounds but beyond the choosing of the site no further progress has been made, in fact as the expression goes in Mesopotamia, the "matter is in hand."

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Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Cooper we hope to renew the St. George's Minstrels and an ambitious programme is in hand. Some entertainment of this nature is badly needed here where entertainments are few and far between.

CRICKET RESULTS.

COMPANY MATCHES.

D 2 TEAM *v.* C 2 TEAM.

D 2 team, 52 runs; C 2 team, 123 runs.

C 2 team won by 71 runs, Sgt. Fox scoring 51 for C 2, and Sgt. Fitzgerald taking 7 wickets for 42 runs for D 2.

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A 1 TEAM *v.* C 1 TEAM.

A 1 team, 1st innings, 94; 2nd innings, 168.

C 1 team, 1st innings, 55; 2nd innings, 75.

A 1 team won by 132 runs. Pte. Ryder scored 84, C.S.M. Hiorns 37, Sgt. Fox took 8 wickets for 25 runs.

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A 1 TEAM *v.* C 2 TEAM.

A 1 team, 1st innings, 89 runs; C 2 team, 101 runs.

This match ended in a draw.

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A 1 TEAM *v.* D 1 TEAM.

A 1 team, 1st innings, 132; 2nd innings, 93 for 8 wkts. (innings declared closed); D 1 team, 1st innings, 76; 2nd innings, 26.

A 1 team won by 123 runs.

For A 1 team, Pte. Ryder scored 33, Cpl. Finnamore 26, and Staff-Sgt. Adams, R.A.O.C., 26.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

If anything would only happen to break the one round of pleasure which constitutes our existence out here, this task of writing notes would be a cakewalk. But when one has to put up with a temperature of 110 under canvas in a country where even poor Adam went astray, I am sure that the readers who are unlikely to be coming to this wilderness will spare us their sympathy.

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Early in May we had a two days' outing to the great event to which we had for weeks prior been looking forward, namely, "The Mosul Spring Races." On the first day, we were conveyed to the course in six Ford cars, kindly placed at our disposal by our Colonel. Amidst a cloud of dust we arrived in time to witness the parade of the horses entered for the opening race. During the afternoon many favourites came up, but very few pockets were swollen. However, on the whole, we passed what in Mosul must be termed an exceptionally enjoyable day. The afternoon of the second day found the members waiting outside the camp, studying earnestly a programme which one lucky individual had purloined, when up came a motor lorry, which, I can assure you, gave us a small portion of jolting on our way to the scene of action. Nothing daunted, we made a plunge on the first race, backing the winner, a horse which had romped home the

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previous day and was then not backed by us. But lo and behold, it was disqualified. Thereupon we wailed and gnashed our teeth. Two of the members backed a winner and they could be seen with book and pencil calculating what they would have to come, and endeavouring to decide whether their winnings would pay their passage home, etc When they appeared for the "doings" the totalizator kindly gave them their money back, informing them that no charge was made for looking after it. One of our noble army of martyrs—a C.Q.M.S.—did bookie, but the members caught him for about 100 rupees on the first two races, and when he could have replenished his wealth, another member of the same tribe took over affairs whilst the first bookie was gaining information elsewhere. Consequently the members were caught this time for a few rupees. The day ended by half the party returning to camp by the lorry, leaving the remainder to trek it.

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The competition between the Ninevah Egg and Poultry Farm Association and the West Kent Hill Poultry Farm, Ltd., has become very keen of late, the latter fairly running away with the points, but allowances can be made for the former, whose Managing Director has been away taming Arabs. Our firm sat 12 eggs under a broody hen ("Curry"). Betting ran high. Sweepstakes were five rupees a ticket, but oh! what a swindle. Incidentally, the head of the firm and Mess showed the others a clean pair of heels by scooping the prize with lucky "10." Two of this clutch have since died, but a very gallant attempt was made by one of the "Limited" to save them by grabbing a towel and fanning in a way that would have made Joe Beckett's seconds green with envy. The lightweight member of the firm has since been demanding twice daily two birds for the table fare.

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A great cricket match is now in progress, after the manner of "The Exploits of Elaine"—to be continued next week—between the Officers and the W.O.'s and Sergeants. It commences at 05.00 hrs. every Thursday. The following are the scores up-to-date. W.O.'s and Sergeants, 138; Officers, 72 for 8 wickets. Needless to say, the Officers complain of lack of practice, one in particular stating that his last association with a cricket bat was ten years ago. Nevertheless, we flatter ourselves that our pronounced advantage is entirely due to our superb fielding and bowling not to mention the aptitude of our wicket keeper who hovers around so close to the stumps that it is difficult to discern whether any are there. He is of the Colour-Sergeant specie, which accounts for the natural inclination to "clutch" the ball.

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At the time of writing, speculation is rife as to the ultimate destination of the Battalion in India, a rumour to the effect that next winter will see us out of Mesopotamia having been circulated from some unofficial quarter. Several prophets have come to the fore and volunteered information, but owing to the uncertainty of the situation, the majority prefer to "wait and see." In the meantime, we shall make frantic appeals for definite statements, as it is our firm opinion that only the hopes of a move ex-Mesopotamia are preventing the members from developing malaria and heat stroke. Should any casualties occur, it may be safely assumed that our address will remain unaltered. However, I venture to state that our motto for the next month or two will be "*Nil Desperandum.*"

LATER COMMUNIQUE OF CRICKET.

The cricket match between the Officers and W.O.'s and Sergeants was concluded on the morning of the 15th July and we obtained a handsome victory by 132 runs. In view of this success, we are thinking of requesting the M.C.C. to pay us a visit when they commence their tour abroad.

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The following were the scores of this most interesting game:—

W.O.'s AND SERGEANTS.

1st innings.

Sgt. Fitzgerald, b Lieut. Grimley	3
Staff-Sgt. Adams, c Lieut. Cooper, b Lieut. Steel	3
Sgt. Fox, c Col. Moulton-Barrett, b Lieut. Ingledew	14
C.Q.M.S. Brockelsby, c Lieut. McLean, b Lieut. Ingledew	23
R.S.M. Crabtree, c Lieut. Fryer, b Lieut. Steel	1
C.S.M. Hiorns, b Lieut. Steel	11
Sgt. Griffiths, run out	7
Sgt. Tudor, b Lieut. Steel	30
Sgt. Colledge, c and b Lieut. Grimley	0
Sgt. Croft, b Lieut. Ingledew	32
C.Q.M.S. Hobson, not out	0
Extras	14
Total	138

BOWLING.

Lieut. Steel	16 runs	for 4	wickets
Lieut. Grimley	40 „	2	„
Lieut. Stott	21 „	0	„
Lieut. Ingledew	46 „	3	„
Lieut. McLean	1 „	0	„

OFFICERS.

1st innings.

Col. Moulton-Barrett, run out	6
Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, b Sgt. Fitzgerald	5
Lieut. E. H. Grimley, b Staff-Sgt. Adams	1
Lieut. A. O. Stott, b C.S.M. Hiorns	11
Maj. O. B. Foster, b Sgt. Fitzgerald	0
Maj. J. F. Chenevix-Trench, c Sgt. Croft, b Sgt. Fox	0
Lieut. C. H. Cooper, b Staff-Sgt. Adams	2
Lieut. C. H. Steel, run out	16
Lieut. H. A. Ingledew, c and b Staff-Sgt. Adams	0
Capt. B. E. S. Mahon, run out	30
Capt. E. H. Baxter, not out	10
Extras	12
Total	93

BOWLING.

Staff-Sgt. Adams	41 runs	for 3	wickets
Sgt. Fitzgerald	29 „	2	„
Sgt. Fox	11 „	1	„
C.S.M. Hiorns	3 „	1	„

W.O.'s AND SERGEANTS.

2nd innings.

Sgt. Fitzgerald, c Lieut. Stott, b Lieut. Steel	0
Staff-Sgt. Adams, c Lieut. Ingledew, b Lieut. Grimley	4
C.Q.M.S. Hobson, b Lieut. Grimley	5
Sgt. Fox, c Maj. Trench, b Lieut. Grimley	26
Sgt. Tudor, b Lieut. Grimley	0
Sgt. Croft, b Lieut. Steel	26
R.S.M. Crabtree, c and b Lieut. Grimley	10
C.S.M. Hiorns, b Lieut. Stott	63
Sgt. Griffiths, b Lieut. Stott	2
C.Q.M.S. Brockelsby, b Lieut. Grimley	10
Sgt. Colledge, not out	1
Extras	10
Total	157

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BOWLING.

Lieut. Grimley	61 runs	for 6	wickets
Lieut. Steel	42 „	2	„
Lieut. Ingledew	3 „	0	„
Lieut. Stott	44 „	2	„
Capt. Baxter	6 „	0	„

OFFICERS.

2nd innings.

Capt. B. E. S. Mahon, b Staff-Sgt. Adams	6
Capt. E. H. Baxter, b Sgt. Fitzgerald	12
Lieut. C. H. Steel, b Staff-Sgt. Adams	6
Lieut. A. O. Stott, b C.S.M. Hiorns	5
Col. E. M. Moulton-Barrett, b Sgt. Fox	3
Lieut. E. H. D. Grimley, lbw, b C.S.M. Hiorns	7
Lieut. H. A. Ingledew, b Sgt. Fox	0

CAPT. W. P. RUSHBROOKE, D.S.O. CAPT. AND BT.-MAJ. H. M. HEYDER, M.C.
C.Q.M.S. G. WOODS C.S.M. C. GUTTRIDGE C.Q.M.S. D. REDHEAD.

2ND BATTALION COLOURS BEFORE BEING LAID UP IN ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, NEWCASTLE.

Maj. O. B. Foster, b Sgt. Fitzgerald	12
Lieut. R. W. H. Fryer, b Sgt. Fitzgerald	11
Maj. J. F. Chenevix-Trench, st. C.Q.M.S. Brockelsby, b Sgt. Fitzgerald	1
Lieut. C. H. Cooper, not out	5
Extras	2
Total	70

BOWLING.

Sgt. Fitzgerald	29 runs	for 4	wickets
Staff-Sgt. Adams	11 „	2	„
Sgt. Fox	7 „	2	„
C.S.M. Hiorns	18 „	2	„

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
26th August, 1920.

The principal event which took place since the publication of the last Depôt Notes was the laying up of the 2nd Battalion Colours in St. Nicholas' Cathedral, on Saturday, 24th July. Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., and Capt. and Bt.-Maj. H. M. Heyder, M.C., carried the Colours, and C.S.M. Guttridge and C.Q.M.S. Woods and Redhead formed the Colour Party. The Colours were handed over to Canon Newsom (the Vicar) by Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O.

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On the same day 16 Colours of various Service and Garrison Battalions of the Regiment were presented, consecrated and laid up in the Cathedral. A complete account of the ceremony from the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* is enclosed. Capt. W. Watson, M.C., carried the Colour of the 10th Battalion in the absence of a representative Officer.

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Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., inspected the Depôt on the 4th August.

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Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., paid us a very flying visit on the 8th August, having been recalled to Mosul. We wish him "*bon voyage*," and an early return to complete his well earned leave.

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The Barrack Square is now almost surrounded by a variety of pieces of Ordnance. Recruits and others fall readily into Artillery formations in deadly fear that a lurking charge at the breach may cause a Vesuvius like eruption of stones with which children daily load them at the muzzle.

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Some notes from Ponteland are appended. It is reported that the Detachment, approximately 100 strong, has used up fuel normally allowed for 361 men. It is thought that this extra amount was required for cooking the rabbit referred to in our correspondent's record.

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The following notice has been received and is published for the information and necessary action of all concerned:—

"No. ..... of 1920.

The Collector's Account and Treasury Office will be entirely closed on Monday, the 24th May, 1920."

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Why this notice was sent to the Depôt has not yet been satisfactorily explained, but it is thought that it was sent by one of our representatives at Simla as a warning that the Depôt is shortly to be moved to India.

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The strength of the Depôt has been augmented by the acquisition of two mules complete with one wagon for the general uses of the joint Depôt. No Officers have as yet availed themselves of them for journeys to London so as to avoid the increased fares.

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It is with regret that we have to record the departure from the Service during the month of Sgt. D. McIntosh, who has served with the Regiment continuously almost since August, 1892. The following is a brief record of his service:—Attested in the Regiment 9th August, 1892, and discharged to pension having served in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Battalions of the Regiment. Not found wanting when war was declared he again joined the Regiment on the 6th August, 1914, and served continuously until demobilized on the 22nd February, 1919. Once again he enlisted for exhumation duties in France and re-joined on the 22nd July, 1919, and finally discharged on the 17th August, 1920. During the present war he gained the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his gallantry in Delville Wood in 1916, and is now in possession of the following medals:—

Distinguished Conduct Medal.
Queen's South African Medal.
1914-15 Star.
Victory Medal.
General Service Medal.

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Upon reading these notes many old members of the Regiment will remember "Mac" as he was commonly called, a true sportsman; as a drill instructor he was second to none, and again the Regiment loses the services of one of its oldest members.

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However, Sgt. McIntosh will still remain in our midst, he having decided to take over the duties of mobilization storekeeper at this Depôt.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES DURING AUGUST.

Arrivals:—

Capt. H. A. W. Mills, for repatriation
No. 98152 Cpl. D. Blakey, re-joined from Gym. Course 7/8/20

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Departures:—

No. 96054 C.S.M. C. H. Starling, Posted to P.S. 7th (T.) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers 26/7/20
„ 93959 Sgt. G. Wright, Posted to P.S. 7th (T.) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers 26/7/20
„ 899 C.S.M. E. V. Mower, Posted to 4th (T.) Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers 28/7/20
„ 89963 C.Q.M.S. E. S. Sands, Permanently Transferred to Corps of Military Accounts from .. 1/5/20
„ 258 Sgt.-Maj. W. Dresser, Posted to 4th (T.) Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers 30/7/20
„ 5892 Pte. L. Manley, Discharged on completion of 21 Years' Service 18/8/20
„ 649 Sgt. W. Lewis, Dispersed 20/8/20

DETACHMENT NOTES.

MUSKETRY CAMP,
PONTELAND.

At the present time we (that is to say No. 2 Coy.) are busily engaged spoiling targets at Ponteland, or rather firing Table A, some with success, others I am sorry to say with a lot of noise and a grand display of red and white bunting.

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In the evenings sports are taking place from 6 p.m. until dark; everyone goes in for his favourite pastime and so we range from the big game hunter? to a quiet game of rounders, and one of the senior ranks to collecting mushrooms. The big game party having got permission to shoot over a farm were led by C.S.M. Guttridge, with thoughts of sending a lorry load or two of rabbits, etc., into Newcastle. Alas! they stalked with varying success, until the head shikari espied a young leveret sitting (at least he said it was), he fired and swore he had knocked him over, but after a sharp sprint to the spot no signs of the said leveret could be seen. At once all thoughts of rabbit or any other pie vanished and on that occasion it was a very dejected party that returned to camp. I might mention they went stalking the following night and returned with one rabbit (aged 3 weeks).

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The Camp closes on Saturday, the 28th inst. On Friday, the 27th, we have arranged sports, all events being teams of 1 leader and 6 others. There is one team comprised of W.O.'s led by Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., from whom all are expecting great results? as I see all are in training. Some, we hear, could do the 100 Yards in ten secs. about 15 or 16 years ago, but I am afraid ten minutes will be more their time now. Anyhow I hope to give you results in next month's *Gazette*.

CRICKET.

Two matches have been played by the joint 5th/68th Depôt against the 1st Reserve Brigade R.F.A. Both were lost, the first by 103 runs and the second by an innings and 85 runs. Drum-Maj. Slater and Clr.-Sgt. Earl were the most successful bowlers in the first match, and Lce.-Cpl. Penistone in the second. Lce.-Cpl. Hobbs was the only player to achieve double figures in either match. The scores of the remainder were consistent but not high. The match against the City Police was more evenly contested, and the scores are given in full:—

5TH/68TH R.D.

Capt. Rushbrooke, c and b Ledger	18
Lieut. Briggs (68th), b Ledger	2
Lieut. Liddell (68th), c and b Stephenson	29
Lieut. English (5th), c and b Ledger	3
C.Q.M.S. Redhead (5th), b Tawnley	3
C.S.M. Paddon (68th), c and b Ledger	12
C.S.M. Groves (5th), b Ledger	0
C.S.M. Earl (A.G.S.), lbw, b Tawnley	0
Maj. Cruddas (5th), b Tawnley	14
Lce.-Cpl. Penistone (5th), not out	22
Cpl. Dudley (5th), b Tawnley	10
Extras	1
Total	114

CITY POLICE.

Dr. Stephenson, c Dudley, b Penistone	23
Inspector Murphy, c Redhead, b Liddell	27
P.C. Carmichael, st. Paddon, b Liddell	20
P.C. Tawnley, b Liddell	6
P.C. Ledger, b Liddell	18
P.C. Lowe, c and b English	7
P.C. Riley, st. Paddon, b English	5
P.C. Duthrie, b Cruddas	13
P.C. Frost, b Cruddas	0
P.C. Howard, b Rushbrooke	0
Sub., not out	4
Extras	6
Total	129

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Capt. Rushbrooke	1	wicket	for 45
Lce.-Cpl. Penistone	1	„	„ 25
Lieut. Liddell	4	„	„ 34
Lieut. English	2	„	„ 14
Maj. Cruddas	2	„	„ 5

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FOOTBALL.

On Thursday, the 19th August, No. 1 Coy. played the Depôt R.F.A. The match was played for the purpose of trying young blood, and was very successful. A promising left-half was found in Recruit Longhorn, and a dashing outside right in Pte. Atkinson. We hope to find still more talent in the next few practice matches. Result: Won, 5 goals to 2.

4TH BATTALION NOTES.

RACECOURSE,
SCARBOROUGH,
24th August, 1920.

We are once more able to report an increase in the strength of the Battalion which is gradually assuming a respectable size.

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We arrived here on the 16th, and for the first two days

LIEUT.-COL. J. R. ROBB, W.O.'S AND N.C.O.'S OF THE 4TH BATTALION AT THE WEEK-END CAMP AT PONTELAND.

experienced fine weather, but it then unfortunately changed to rain which continued for the next four days; it is at the present very fine and it is hoped it will continue so until the end of the camp.

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The training programme is not a very strenuous one, each afternoon being devoted to sports. Our Battalion Football Team received a decided beating by the 5th Battalion the result ending seven goals against nothing. The usual blame was placed on the Selection Committee.

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The Battalion was inspected by the G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command, the second day in camp, who appeared satisfied with the training that was being carried out.

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On the 26th the Divisional Sports are taking place and we hope to be able to furnish you with the names of some of the prize winners in our next notes.

5TH BATTALION NOTES.

Another Musketry Camp, strenuous recruiting, brisk training, and our arrival at Scarborough for Annual Training constitute the sequence of events since our last notes.

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The Musketry Camp, at Ponteland, was largely attended and we marched in 300 strong. The 4th and 6th Battalions were also there in force, and favoured by good weather, considerable progress was made.

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Our strength having increased to 455 a considerable amount of work has necessarily been entailed, and the Permanent Staff are pleased to see daylight again and to feel the effects of the bracing air at Scarborough.

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Unfortunately the weather during the first week was not good, but so far the second week has been delightfully fine, and the camp, beautifully situated 500 feet up and overlooking the sea has dried up rapidly. An early start was made from Walker on the outward journey and at 5 a.m. on Sunday, the 15th inst., 15 Officers and 432 other ranks were ready to entrain. The journey—eventful, but somewhat tiring after a late night was completed in six hours, and the Battalion despite this exertion and the four miles uphill march to the old Racecourse, presented a smart appearance as they marched into camp.

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Training has been anything but strenuous and all work has been over by mid-day—the remainder of the day being devoted to sport.

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The Battalion succeeded in decisively defeating the 4th Battalion at football to the tune of seven goals to *nil*, but after a most exciting drawn game with the 7th Battalion have to own defeat by one goal to *nil* in the final of the Brigade Competition. Both matches attracted a great crowd, and at the replay the Divisional Commander favoured us with his presence. The deciding goal unfortunately was the result of a mis-kick by one of the 5th Battalion backs who placed the ball accidentally through his own goal.

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The Battalion Athletic Sports Meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., and the winners of the various events were entered for the Brigade Competition.

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The Brigade Sports were held on Thursday, and the following events were carried off by the Battalion:—

Long Jump.—2nd, Pte. R. Johnson.
Mile.—1st, Sgt. L. Burford; 2nd, Sgt. J. T. Burford.
220 Yards (Flat).—1st, Lieut. R. A. Summersby.
Three-Legged Race.—2nd, Ptes. Wade and Taylor.
Half-Mile.—1st, Sgt. L. Burford; 2nd, Sgt. J. T. Burford.
Relay Race.—1st, Lieut. G. McCree, Lieut. R. A. Summersby, Sgt. L. Burford, Sgt. J. T. Burford.
Blindfold Squad Drill.—1st, Sgts. Keegans, Taylor and Downie, Lce.-Cpls. Green, Carr, Hollingshead and King, Pte. A. Stanger.
All-Commers Race (220 Yards).—3rd, Pte. Hornby.
Officers' Race (220 Yards).—1st, Lieut. G. McCree.

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Sgt. L. Burford was awarded the Brigade Commander's Prize for the best all-round athlete in the Brigade, and the Battalion tied with the 7th Battalion in the grand aggregate in events for the Brigade Commander's Challenge Cup. The massive silver cup will be held jointly by the two Battalions.

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Capt. S. Maffett, M.C., of the 5th Battalion, officiated as Brigade Sports Officer.

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Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson was an interested spectator at the sports, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. E. P. A. Riddell, wife of our Brigade Commander.

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The Officers held their Guest Night on the 23rd and entertained, among others, Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding the Brigade; Maj. I. H. Macdonell, D.S.O., Brigade Major; Lieut.-Col. J. R. Robb and Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., of the 4th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. Eric Temperley, D.S.O., T.D., and Capt. J. H. McGordon, M.C., of the 6th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., and Maj. R. M. St. J. Booth, D.S.O., of the 7th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. F. Hawthorn, D.S.O., and Maj. Martin, O.B.E., of the R.A.M.C.

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Thanks to the efforts of Majs. P. P. Phillips and I. M. Tweedy, Capt. H. G. Dodds and Lieuts. R. A. Forster and R. A. Summersby, a farce entitled "The Flapper of Flamboro' Head" was successfully performed.

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The Sergeants' Guest Night, on the 25th inst., proved a great success and after supper, a delightful and amusing programme was presented. Sgt. Taylor officiated at the piano and items were rendered by the Brother Sgts. Burford, Sgt. Black, Drum-Maj. Maughan, Sgt. Keegans, C.S.M. Nesbit, C.S.M. Dixon and many other friends.

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The Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., Maj. P. P. Phillips and the Officers of the Battalion favoured us with their presence, and speeches by Col. Irwin and Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., of the 7th Battalion (formerly Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion in France), were most heartily received.

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Our Colonel, in proposing the toast of the 5th Battalion of the Northumberland Fusiliers, and the later of the 5th Battalion Sergeants, took the opportunity of reminding us that it was the first such gathering of the Sergeants that he had attended since the close of the war. It was with pleasure and with pride that he welcomed old friends back in the Unit in time of peace—to revive and uphold the glorious comradeship fostered in the Field. Lieut.-Col. N. I. Wright was in irresistible form and his wit and sang-froid kept the Mess in an uproar the whole time he was on his feet.

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The Company were indebted to Maj. P. P. Phillips for several humorous items, and the Major was good enough to respond several times to encores.

7th BATTALION NOTES.

Racecourse Camp,
Scarborough,
24th August, 1920.

The Battalion marched into camp here on Sunday, the 15th August, 356 strong. This shows how recruiting has progressed since the writer last penned these notes, the total being a most creditable one to all concerned. Well over 50 per cent. of the Battalion are old hands and the show of medal ribbons would do credit to any Regular Battalion.

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The Commanding Officer has wisely arranged for former members to get back their former employments, consequently the Battalion settled down to camp life in wonderfully quick time.

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Monday, the 16th, was spent in organisation and next day the Unit was inspected by Lieut.-Gen. Haxse, G.O.C.-in-Chief, Northern Command, who was accompanied by our Divisional General, Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson. The G.O.C.-in-Chief expressed later in the day his pride and gratification at what had been accomplished so far by the Northumberland Brigade.

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After Tuesday we struck a real bad patch of weather but from Monday, the 23rd, it has again been on its best behaviour, being if anything on the hot side.

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We have now progressed through Section, Platoon and Company training, and start Battalion work to-morrow, finishing with a Brigade operation on Friday.

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The hours of training are not too long and the afternoons are taken up with sport. As with the training all ranks are taking part with zest and we hope to do well at the Brigade meeting on Thursday afternoon.

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Much credit is due to our Sports Officer, Capt. Watson, for the energy with which he has tackled this part of the programme. Up to date D (Berwick) is Champion Soccer Company and we have just played a draw (1—1) with the 5th Battalion in the final of the Brigade Championship.

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In the first round we accounted very easily for the 6th Battalion, who we were sorry to see lose a man through injury after half an hour's play.

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Messing, an important consideration, has been supervised by Capt. Jobling, who has gradually worked up this department to a very high order.

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We have to welcome back Capt. Jobling, who served for long as our Transport Officer overseas. Later he joined the 2nd Line Battalion in Egypt, where he saw service with many Units, also the King of the Hedjaz. Naturally his reminiscences are hugely entertaining.

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We regret to record that Sgt.-Instr. Sandy has been ordered to join the Staff of the 4th Yorks at Docklington

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and wish him luck in the future. We have been fortunate to secure C.S.M. C. H. Starling and Sgt. G. Wright from the Depôt, both of whom appear to be just the stamp of men wanted for the T.A. Permanent Staff.

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Officers in camp are:—

Lieut.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O. (Commanding Officer).
Maj. H. R. Smail (2nd-in-Command).
Maj. R. M. St. John Booth (Adjutant).
Capt. G. McK. Jobling (Assistant Adjutant).
Capt. H. Dargie, M.C. (Transport Officer).
Capt. F. A. Price (Quartermaster).
Lieut. J. H. Huffman (Machine Gun Officer).

H Coy. (Morpeth).

Capt. W. C. S. Gregson. Lieut. Brown, M.C.
Lieut. Wilkinson.

B Coy. (Ashington).

Capt. Hon. W. J. M. Watson-Armstrong.
Capt. E. H. Watson.

C Coy. (Alnwick).

Capt. Noble. Lieut. J. Mowitt.

D Coy. (Berwick).

Capt. F. B. Cowen.

Editorial Notes.

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Musician T. Dencer
A. E. J. Whitting, Esq.
Capt. E. Nixon
Capt. J. D. Bailey

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
Master F. Baxter (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Bird (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. J. Bradley (2nd Batt.)
Mr. J. Dodds (2nd Batt.)
Capt. T. R. Ellison, M.C.
Mrs. W. Fuller
Mrs. Graham (2nd Batt.)
Mr. Grant (2nd Batt.)
Maj. A. Le Gallois
2nd-Lieut. W. Harvey
Miss E. G. Johnstone
Mrs. A. Langhorn (2nd Batt.)
Miss McRae (2nd Batt.)
Mr. J. O'Rourke (2nd Batt.)
Col. Pedley
Mrs. F. Robson (2nd Batt.)
Lieut. W. Smart
Miss W. Wood (2nd Batt.)

MARRIAGES.

CAPT. A. H. GATEHOUSE AND MRS. COWIE.

The marriage took place quietly on the 12th August, at Rushbury Church, Shropshire, of Capt. Alexander Hugh Gatehouse, M.C., 5th Fusiliers, third son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gatehouse, Eaton, Church Stretton, and Helen, widow of Capt. A. G. Cowie, Seaforth Highlanders.

The bride, who was given away by her mother, Mrs. M. A. Williams, wore a white lace dress and hat to match, and carried a bouquet of roses. She was attended by Miss Julia Hiron, in a silver grey charmeuse gown and hat, and carrying a bouquet of shaded carnations. Her three child bridesmaids, the Misses Hermione, Helen and Honor Cowie, wore white net and ninon dresses, with blue sashes, and white net hats with blue ribbons, and carried bouquets of pink flowers.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. C. G. N. Frederichs, the Rev. F. Friederichs and the Rev. G. Anning. Lieut. G. E. Fenwick, M.C., Northumberland Fusiliers, was best man.

A reception was held at Stanway Manor.

MR. K. A. SETH-SMITH AND MISS MCKERGOW.

The marriage took place on Saturday, the 14th August, at St. Peter's Church, Twineham, Sussex, of Mr. Kenneth Arthur Seth-Smith, 5th Fusiliers, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Seth-Smith, of Colwood, Bolney, Sussex, and Doris Roberta, only daughter of Lieut.-Col. R. W. McKergow, O.B.E., M.F.H., and Mrs. McKergow, of Twineham Grange, Sussex. The officiating clergy were Canon Dormer Pierce, Vicar of Brighton (the bridegroom's uncle), the Rev. E. W. Michell, and the Rector of the Parish.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin trimmed with silver lace, with which the train of georgette was also edged. Her plain tulle veil was fastened by a wreath of silver leaves, with a cluster of orange blossom, a horse-shoe of which, tied with a silver bow, also ornamented a corner of the train. Her jewels were a string of pearls and a pearl and diamond brooch, the later the gift of the bridegroom, and she carried a bouquet of white roses, heather and carnations. Her bridesmaids, Miss Barbara Otter and Miss Mary Hunt, wore picture frocks of pale pink taffeta with georgette caps, and the train-bearer, Master Geoffrey Hunt, wore a Sussex smock-frock, with white satin knee-breeches. Capt. Buckley, 5th Fusiliers, was best man.

The reception following the wedding was held at Twineham Grange.

SANDHURST MEMORIAL FUND.

	£	s.	d.
Col. M. Bonham Carter	3	3	0
Maj. E. Swaine	3	0	0
B. R. Newstead, Esq.	5	0	0

Letters to the Editor.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
26th August, 1920.

To the Editor, "ST. GEORGE'S GAZETTE."

DEAR SIR,

The following subscriptions to the Memorial Fund, 1st and 2nd Battalions, 5th Fusiliers, are acknowledged:—

	£	s.	d.
Col. C. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Mrs. Yatman	51	0	0
Mrs. Watkin	10	0	0
Lieut.-Col. G. A. Pagan	10	0	0
Col. S. H. Enderby and Mrs. Enderby	5	5	0
Lieut.-Col. G. Hart-Dyke	2	0	0
Already acknowledged	44	3	6
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Yours sincerely,
ARCHIBALD MILNE HOME, *Captain,*
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Memorial Fund,
1st and 2nd Batts. 5th Fusiliers.

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To the Editor, "ST. GEORGE'S GAZETTE."

DEAR SIR,

The attached extract may be of interest to your readers as showing how the mark of the FIFTH is being stamped on the Nigerian Regiment, W.A.F.F., by Maj. Salier.

Yours sincerely,

ARCHIBALD MILNE HOME.

Extracts from a speech delivered by H. E. Sir Hugh Clifford, Governor of Nigeria, at a Banquet given at Government House, Lagos, on the 3rd June, 1920, being the 51st anniversary of the King's Birthday:—

Yet even in Nigeria I suggest, it is perhaps possible a little to raise our standards too; and I'll give you a concrete instance. I was present this morning at the Ceremonial Parade in honour of His Majesty's Birthday, upon the admirable conduct of which I should like, as a mere civilian, to offer to Maj. Salier, my respectful compliments. (Applause.)

Now, I have seen the King's Birthday Parades all up and down the tropics for more years than I care to count. I have seen Mr. Thomas Atkins parade in his white helmet and white drill uniform in those forgotten days before khaki had been invented, which few of you can remember for the excellent reason that at that time very few of you had yet been born. (Laughter.)

I have seen India and West Indian Troops parade on the King's Birthday also, but never can I remember an occasion upon which the salute and the *feu de joie* were fired with greater smartness and precision or on which the final advance in review order was executed in better style than was the case this morning.

But most of all I want to compliment Maj. Salier, because I realise that the success achieved was the result of hard work and careful preparation, and that it was only those two things that made it possible for three distinct Units which had never drilled together before, after comparatively few rehearsals, to go through their evolution, with a smartness and efficiency which—I say without fear of contradiction—were equal to anything that on a like occasion could have been displayed by any troops in the world.

EXTRACT FROM *The Newcastle Chronicle*, 24TH JULY, 1920:

THE NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

LAYING-UP OF BATTALIONS' COLOURS.

The people of Newcastle were provided this afternoon, with a military spectacle, the like of which had not previously been seen in the city. The Colours of no fewer than 19 Battalions of the famous Northumberland Fusiliers were unfurled on the Town Moor, consecrated, and presented to representatives of the Units, and afterwards were paraded through the principal streets to St. Nicholas' Cathedral, and, in two cases, to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral, where the Colours were entrusted to the safe keeping of the Church, "as a token of faithful service and duty well performed."

What memories were recalled as the survivors of the Battalions stood on that piece of rising ground just west of the Bull Park! Not a stone's throw away, many of them had paraded to be reviewed by the King and Lord Kitchener before they embarked on the great adventure; and between that time and 1919 they had played their part in some of the greatest battles of the war.

The men of the new Battalions will pardon a particular reference to the revered Colours of 2nd Battalion now serving in Mesopotamia. The King's Colour and the Regimental Colour of this Battalion were on the parade, to be formally handed over, and placed in position in St. Nicholas' alongside the tattered emblems of the 1st Battalion, which were laid up in 1914. History is interwoven in every fold of those Colours of the "2nd." Emblazoned on their silken texture are honours which speak of service in many countries, and of achievements which still hold young "Fusiliers" spell bound. Wilhelmstahl where the "Fighting Fifth" accounted for an enemy three times its own number; Badajos and El Bodon, the Boyne and affairs in India, the West Indies, Afghanistan, Ashanti, Egypt and South Africa—these are some of the 19 engagements which the Colours recall.

The remainder of the Colours, though they do not carry the thoughts back to early wars, nevertheless commemorate wonderful achievements in the greatest war in history; and each Colour has been given an individuality because embroidered on it is the name of the Regiment and the number of the Battalion to which it belongs. All the emblems are, of course, King's Colours. They have been presented by His Majesty, as a symbol of allegiance to the Sovereign, and as a mark of appreciation of glorious achievements. In addition to the Colours of the 2nd Battalion, the following Colours were consecrated and presented on the Moor:—9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 1st Garrison Battalion and 2nd Garrison Battalion. It will be noticed that the list includes the Units of the Tyneside Commercials, the Tyneside Scottish Brigade, the Tyneside Irish Brigade, and the 9th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, which included the original Quayside Company. Only a fortnight ago the Colour of the 21st Battalion (2nd Tyneside Scottish) was laid up in Bedlington Parish Church as a compliment to a district which had provided so many recruits for the Tyneside Scottish Brigade. It had not then been consecrated, however, and it was brought to Newcastle for to-day's ceremony, to be returned to Bedlington later. It had also been arranged that the Colour of the 27th Battalion should ultimately go to the Town Hall, and that of the 1st Garrison Battalion to the Public Library. The Colours deposited in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral are those of the 25th and 26th Battalions (Tyneside Irish).

Fortunately the weather remained fine. Indeed, during the whole of the proceedings the sun shone brilliantly, and, as was to be expected, the enclosure was lined by a large crowd.

TOWN MOOR PARADE.

The ceremony on the Town Moor was carried out with military thoroughness and precision. Within an enclosed space, the Colour Parties were drawn up at an interval of five paces, the 2nd Battalion being on the right, and the others in sequence of numbers, with the exception of the 25th and 26th Battalions, who were to go to the Roman Catholic Cathedral, and who were posted on the left of the

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line. The Colours to be consecrated, having been uncased, were rested round piled drums at either end of the parade. The Band arranged at the Barracks was behind the Colour Officers, and the survivors of the Battalions fell in in rear of the parade.

18th Battalion.—Maj. Dodsworth, in Command; Capt. Armstrong, Colour Officer.

19th Battalion.—Maj. A. W. Muir, D.S.O., M.C., in Command; Capt. A. Stabell, M.C., Colour Officer.

20th Battalion.—Col. Sir Thomas Oliver, in Command; Lieut. Gibson, M.C., Colour Officer.

21st Battalion.—Col. Joseph Reed, in Command; Capt. Alan Martis, D.S.O., M.C., Colour Officer.

22nd Battalion.—Capt. Atkinson, in Command, and Colour Officer.

24th Battalion.—Col. Sir Johnstone Wallace, K.B.E., in Command; Maj. Wallace, Capt. Swinburne and Lieut. J. M. Dalzell, Colour Officers.

25th Battalion.—Col. Sir Charles Parsons, Maj. C. Rowell, O.B.E., in Command; Lieut. E. G. Pattison, Colour Officer.

The King's Colour of the 2nd Battalion was carried by Capt. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., and the Regimental Colour by Bt.-Maj. Heyder, M.C., and they had an armed escort consisting of C.S.M. Guttridge, C.Q.M.S. Woods and C.Q.M.S. Redhead. The other Officers in the parade were:—

9th Battalion.—Col. W. A. Vignole, D.S.O., in Command; Capt. G. M. L. Logie, Colour Officer.

11th Battalion.—Lieut. Moffitt, Colour Officer.

16th Battalion.—Col. Ritson, in Command; Maj. A. Archer, Colour Officer.

Mr. John Mulcahy (Secretary of the Tyneside Irish Brigade Committee), Alderman O'Hanlon, Councillor John Farnon, and Mr. Felix Lavery, Members of the Committee.

26th Battalion.—Capt. Rogers and Capt. E. S. Brown, Colour Officers.

27th Battalion.—Lieut. Leslie J. Donald, in Command and Colour Officer.

51st Battalion.—Maj. J. W. Crake, in Command; Capt. C. V. Alder, Colour Officer.

52nd Battalion.—Lieut. H. S. Fotherby, in Command; Lieut. E. Rose, Colour Officer.

53rd Battalion.—Capt. Carrick, in Command; Lieut. Rowe, Colour Officer.

1st Garrison Battalion.—Maj. J. J. O'Sullivan, in Command and Colour Officer.

2nd Garrison Battalion.—Maj. S. L. Arnott, in Command; Capt. W. W. Taylor and Maj. Fagan, Colour Officers.

Amongst those who were interested spectators of the proceedings were Lady Wilkinson, Brig.-Gen. Ternan (who commanded the Tyneside Scottish Brigade), Col. Yatman, Commanding the 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (who Commanded the 96th Brigade of which the 16th Northumberland Fusiliers was a Unit in France) and Maj. R. Temperley.

The Civic Party was the first to arrive, and was escorted to the parade ground by Maj. B. Cruddas, Commanding Depôt, Northumberland Fusiliers, who had organised the parade.

The Lord Mayor (Mr. Walter Lee) was accompanied by the Sword and Mace, the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriff (Mr. Richard Mayne) and Miss Mayne, the Under-Sheriff (Mr. J. Harold Youll) and Miss Lee. The Lord Mayor was greeted with the General Salute. Then Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy S. Wilkinson, Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, arrived with his aid-de-camp, Lieut.-Col. Yatman. He, too, received the General Salute, and took charge of the parade, to give the General Salute once more when the Lord Lieutenant (the Duke of Northumberland) reached the parade ground.

THE CONSECRATION.

The Consecration of the Colours was immediately proceeded with. On the right, the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom), in the absence of the Bishop, read the consecratory prayers. He was accompanied by the Rev. F. E. Croisdale, Vicar of St. Luke's. At the same time the Roman Catholic Colours were consecrated by Father Joseph Newsham, of St. Mary's Cathedral. The order was then given to "Take up Colours"; and the Senior Officers, having selected their emblems from the two piles returned to the ranks. The Lord Lieutenant, commencing at the right, next received each Colour, and handed it to the Colour Officer, who went down on his right knee to receive it.

As the flags unfurled in the breeze, they presented an inspiring sight. The order was then given to "order" arms and Colours, and, whilst the parade was standing at ease, the Duke presented the following medals:—

D.C.M.—Pte. G. Sherwood, R.E.; S.S.M. E. Hope (M.G.C.).

M.M.—Sgt. T. McLeman (1/5th West Yorks); Sgt. A. A. Johnson (18th N.F.); Spr. H. Johnson (R.E.), received by Mrs. Johnson; Pte. J. Purvis (46th R.F.); Gnr. J. F. Lumsden (R.G.A.); Cpl. W. G. Wass (R.E.); Spr. J. W. Hodgson (R.E.); Cpl. A. Forsyth (R.A.S.C.); Lce.-Cpl. A. V. Love (R.A.S.C.); Sgt. J. H. Walter (R.A.S.C.); Lce.-Cpl. T. E. Dickinson (M.F.P., late D.L.I.); Pte. W. Foster (R.A.S.C.); Lce.-Cpl. G. Knapp (8th N.F.); Lce.-Cpl. B. W. Blackitt (11th N.F.).

M.S.M.—B.Q.M.S. H. Wood (R.F.A.); Sgt. R. F. Hansler (R.A.S.C.); R.S.M. J. S. Mitchell (R.A.S.C.); C.S.M. J. Cochrane (2nd N.F.); Pte. J. Paradise (2nd N.F.).

L.S.M.—Col.-Sgt. H. Duncan (11th N.F.); Dmr. J. D. Leigh (11th N.F.).

M.O.B.E.—Forewoman E. Elliott, Worker M. Scott, Forewoman R. Tupling, Acting-Forewoman A. L. Brown (Q.M.A.A.C.) and Dvr. A. Gowings (R.F.A.).

This concluded the ceremony, and the Colour Parties afterwards formed groups and marched to St. Nicholas' Cathedral and St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, to the music of the Fusiliers' Band and the Tyneside Scottish Pipe Band. A large number of survivors of the Battalions followed in the rear.

ST. NICHOLAS' CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

The final act of that solemn pageant—the consecration and laying up of the Colours of many famous Battalions of the Northumberland Fusiliers—had as a fitting setting, the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas, Newcastle. Probably never before this afternoon, in its long history, had

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there been within the walls of the ancient Parish Church of Newcastle, so momentous a gathering; and, as was right and proper, assisting at that unprecedented ceremony were representatives of all classes of the community. Simultaneous with the enactment of the Town Moor function, a peal of bells was rung by the Cathedral ringers. Long before the time appointed for the commencement of the service, crowds of eager sightseers had collected in the vicinity of the Cathedral to witness the arrival of the parade. Superintendent Carr and several policemen were there, too, directing the traffic.

Conducting the service were Archdeacon Blackett-Ord, the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom), the Rev. Dudley Clark, and the Vicar of St. Luke's (the Rev. F. E. Croisdale).

As the parade entered the Western door of the Cathedral, it was met by the Clergy and Choir, and the organ pealed forth the strains of "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past!"

Meanwhile the Colours were borne slowly up the central aisle, that of the 2nd Battalion heading the procession.

In the course of a short address, the Vicar of Newcastle said it was the hope of many that ere long they would have a memorial in the Cathedral bearing the names of all those who represented Northumbria in the Great War. Meanwhile they had the Colours of those glorious Battalions, which won for us peace and victory. Theirs was the example to follow, and, forgetting our first shock of grief, let us thank God for their sacrifices. Might those Colours laid up in the Church remind us all that Christ had taught us that life meant service to humanity!

Following the address came a prayer for the departed, and then the hymn "God of the Living in Whose Eyes," in memory of our glorious dead.

As the mournful hymn commenced, the Colour bearers, proudly bearing the cherished emblems aloft, moved slowly, with the Commanding Officer, up the Chancel to the Altar.

There it was, at the Altar rails, that each Commanding Officer delivered up his Battalion's Colour, saying the while: "I present this Colour of the —— Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, to the safekeeping of the Church."

When the Colours were handed over, in a clear voice, the Vicar of Newcastle replied, accepting them in the name of the Church as "tokens of faithful service and duty well performed."

Next followed the singing of St. George's Hymn (written specially for the Northumberland Fusiliers by Canon Gough, D.D., formerly Vicar of Newcastle) and the Blessing concluded a solemn and impressive service.

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

The Tyneside Irish Colours.

The 25th and 26th Tyneside Irish Battalions proceeded to St. Mary's Cathedral, where the Colours were presented and consecrated, prior to finding a permanent resting place in the Baptistry.

Dean Newsham was assisted by Father Wilkinson, the Deacon, and Father Farrow, Sub-Deacon, and Mr. Charles Conway officiated as Master of Ceremonies, Mr. McDermott as the Thurifer, and Mr. Heron and Mr. McIver the Acolytes.

The service opened with the hymn: "Jesus, the Only Thought of Thee." An address followed by Dean Newsham. Prayers were offered on behalf of the fallen in battle; and, after the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers," the Colours were presented.

The Officers present were Hon. Col. Sir Charles Parsons, Maj. C. Rowell, Capt. E. Rogers, Capt. E. S. Brown, Capt. P. Cole and Lieut. E. G. Pattison.

Among others present were the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor John Barker and Mr. W. H. Musgrave.

Dean Newsham said they all knew of the heroic conduct in the war of the Tyneside Irish. It was no mere bravado that prompted men to join the Colours. They knew there would be anguish in their homes; but they knew also that enlistment in the King's Forces was their highest duty, even to their homes. Most of the Tyneside Irish fell victims to the bullets of the enemy, and many families had been ruined. He appealed to them to help those families, and also to help the dead. That Catholic doctrine of prayers for the dead was a most consoling one.

Dean Newsham announced that the Colours would be placed at the South side of the monument dedicated to South African heroes.

Sir Charles Parsons and Lieut. Brown presented the Colours, and they were received by Father Newsham.

THE BATTLEFIELDS REVISITED.

On arrival at Amiens I stayed the night at the Hotel de Univers, where the accommodation was bad; the Hotel de Rhin is strongly recommended. However, I set out the next day to visit a portion of the Northern end of the Somme (1916) battlefield. On my way I went to Forceville, where one of the few finished British cemeteries is situated. At one end of the cemetery is a large cross with a sword following the lines of the cross. A wide path goes through the cemetery and to the memory of every man who fell a stone has been erected on which is inscribed at the head his regimental crest and then the inscription. At the farther end of the cemetery a small monument, similar to the Cenotaph in London, has been erected, and a level grass sward is maintained all over the cemetery and a small flower bed near each head stone.

From there I proceeded via Mailly Maillet and Auchonvillers to Beaumont Hamel. All the trench lines behind the strafed area have been filled in, wire all removed and cut in short lengths the shape of a corn sheaf, and stacked. On arrival at the edge of the strafed area, little here had been done and practically no attempt at reclaiming the land except that all the wire had been removed. The country side was covered with shell cases and duds and one saw traces of equipment and the general debris of a battlefield still lying about. There is a large Hun cemetery just East of the village of Beaumont Hamel.

From here I turned back and visited the Colincamps Sector. This sector is much the same as all the rest of the strafed area and practically nothing has been done to reclaim it. I proceeded then up the Serre Road, but little excepting a few stumps of trees could be found at Serre village, the nettles having grown to such an enormous height that it was difficult to see the terrain.

Thence I went on to Bucquoy which I found full of inhabitants, and here perhaps it may be interesting to state

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general plan which the French have adopted towards reclaiming the devastated areas. All the bricks which the houses were made of have been made into separate dumps with a number on them, and near the site of the old home either an improved nisson hut with brick foundations about 3-4ft. high with the nisson on top of it forms a dwelling house of the inhabitant. Beside the dump of bricks usually sits a very old man who is re-fashioning the bricks, generally accompanied by a youngster of about 7 years of age, who places the fashioned bricks in neat rows. Meanwhile, an able-bodied man with either a boy or a girl of about 10, who acts as fatigueman, is rebuilding the home. In nearly every case the garden has been reclaimed and magnificent crops were growing.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the community who are not employed on these jobs, have their labour pooled and work in long rows of an adult with a youngster, reclaiming the devastated area. They work in long rows of about 150 and fill in all the shell holes on a portion of about 40 acres, which when reclaimed is immediately ploughed by a tractor and in some cases good crops are now shewing, the whole being wired in with a barbed wire fence, when the community then proceed to a neighbouring area to reclaim more. In most cases no more than 40 acres have yet been reclaimed, the field becoming a Communal field.

Attached to each village are two adults who have some knowledge of explosives and who proceed about blowing up the dumps of duds, etc., which have been collected by the community; there were continual explosions going on during the whole of the tour.

This general system of reclaiming appeared to be going on in every village or remains of village that one met. Also in every village there were two or three estaminets.

The community work from dawn (roughly about 6 a.m.) until 8.30 p.m. at night, with a spell of about two hours for meals.

Alongside of this reclaiming of the devastated area one noticed that the French Authorities were repairing the roads with large squads of men labour. In the low lying sectors the drains were being tackled first, then the road surface being improved, and one encountered many stretches of pavé in an extraordinary good condition.

From Bucquoy I went to Puissieux, where the same state of affairs existed, though as in other villages in certain instances the homes had been rebuilt of brick. From Puissieux I proceeded to Ablainzeville and Moyenville, which was more or less the front line in March, 1918, though in German hands. Here, right away back to Adinfer Wood, the country has all been reclaimed and splendid crops were growing.

I then went to Courcelles le Compte and so through to Arras, where I stayed at the Hotel du Commerce which had been considerably damaged, on the outside walls being replaced by wood work and the staircases, etc., being propped up by cross beams, but the hotel was working and looked after one very well.

The whole of the community of Arras appears to be back and a brisk trade is being carried on. The Cathedral and Hotel de Ville are to be maintained as memorials of the war, being strengthened in certain weak parts to prevent the buildings falling down.

The next day I left Arras by St. Catherine's, which had been very much knocked about, and went to Ecurie, Neuville St. Vaast to Thelus, where the Canadians have erected a stone memorial in memory of Vimy Ridge. From here I went to La Maison Blanche, Le Point de Jour and Farbus along the Ridge towards Lens. At Farbus I encountered one British soldier plus a French wife living in a nisson hut, who seemed very contented with life and their small garden.

From here, West of the Ridge, the whole of the country is devastated, but the best of the ground is being reclaimed. East of the Ridge the majority of the land has been reclaimed and magnificent crops are growing as far as the eye could see and the inhabitants were back in the old villages in this neighbourhood.

One looked from here over the whole landscape of Lens, Sallumines, Avion, Mericourt, Acheville, Arleux, Frenoy, Oppy Wood, Oppy, Gavrelle and yet again further out to Vitry, Douai, Neuvereuil, Rouvroy, Chez Boutemps, bois Bernard and yet further back to the Queant—Drocourt Line, and all this area seems to have been more or less reclaimed and houses were, in those villages that were knocked about, much in the same state as the other villages in the strafed area.

On proceeding down towards Lens one found considerable activity going on in this town; the smoke was coming from most of the chimneys which have been rebuilt and great activity was in progress towards the rebuilding of the town and getting the mines ready. The railway embankment which was formerly filled with dug-outs has now been abandoned and a new embankment linking up the railway made.

From here I went to Loos where the old big crater is being maintained as a relic of the war. Thence through Hulluch via La Bassee to Lille, where excellent accommodation was obtained at the Hotel Belle Vue. Making Lille one's headquarters I went to Armentièrs, where considerable progress has been made. Nearly all the chimneys have been rebuilt and a great deal of repairs have been done to the houses and a large community was at work, principally in the industry of making bricks. Referring to bricks, one found that in every large centre a brick factory had been started and huge quantities of bricks were in process of being hardened.

From Armentièrs I proceeded to Ploegsteert and as in the other villages, the inhabitants were not only back here but were in Hill 63 and Messines. Again the same activity in reclaiming the devastated area was in progress. I went then via Neuve Eglise to Bailleul and except for the devastation of the towns and the destruction of the trees, there was little to show that there had been a war on. Magnificent crops, with every sign of trenches filled in and all the barbed wire stacked as before. Bailleul was still sorting its bricks and practically no attempt at rebuilding had been started here.

I went from here along the Haazebrouck Road passing through Meteren, Flètre and Caistre. The latter two towns have been repaired. I then turned South via Strazelle through Vieux Berquin and Nerf Berquin in front of the Nieppe Forest and though the towns were off the map, dwelling houses in the shape of nissons and tin houses had arisen, the whole community being back and magnificent crops surrounding them, in fact, in Vieux Berquin a large sale of some 150 Dutch cattle was in progress and in every town a number of estaminets.

I then went via Estairs and Armentièrs to Lille. The next day I proceeded via Deulemont and Warneton along the road being the Messines and Wychaete Road and here one found squads of road repairers busy at work, especially in draining. The area here as far as one could see seemed one mass of

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devastation, and little had been done towards reclaiming. On arrival at St. Eloi one found again the community back and reclaiming the usual 40 acre field, living in nissons and tin huts and all busy.

On arrival at Ypres one first encountered the tourist element and large charabancs with megaphones describing the horrors of war. Ypres itself is busy; houses have arisen and reinforced concrete hotels and restaurants were in Ypres Square. The Cloth Hall and the Cathedral are to be left as a war memorial.

I then went along the Menin Road, passing Hooge, as far as Sanctuary Wood. The ground is littered with duds and shell cases and one still found boxes of Mills' bombs, equipment, etc., and standing very vigorously out were large numbers of derelict tanks. Turning back from Sanctuary Wood I went out along the Passchendaale Road to Brooseinde, thence to Passchendaale Ridge. Practically nothing has been done in the devastated area east of Ypres and as far as the eye could see the whole country looks a mass of blackened ruin. Water was standing about the shell holes, but the trenches had either mostly fallen in or been blotted out of existence, but most noticeable in all the area traversed this day was the large numbers of pill boxes, which though filled with water inside were still in a good state of repair. Generally speaking, in the Southern Somme area (1916) and the Ypres Salient least work appeared to have been done, and it seems that it will be a considerable time before these areas are reclaimed.

Nearly all the billet numbers, such as "2 officers and 40 men" have come down, but still a few cases remain, and one even saw the hated sign of "Verboten" still in existence.

I returned to Lille via Menin, Tourcoing and Roubaix, and in these towns the community seemed extraordinarily busy. The Douane at the frontier between Belgium and France are now closely watched and with a car it is necessary to have one's passport and a certain amount of money on the value of the car has to be paid.

I returned to Amiens via La Bassee and Bethune, which latter place appeared quite normal. Ste. Pol, where the estaminet which was hit by "Big Bertha" is still on the floor.

The motor and chauffeur were supplied by Messrs. Griffiths & Gregson, and the car was a most comfortable one and we had no trouble throughout the trip, the charges being fairly reasonable as including everything, it worked out at about £20 per head.

A good deal of the horrors of the battle areas was taken away by the wealth of the wild flower growth. Masses of poppies, cornflowers and daisies covered large areas and produced a very pleasing aspect—though in the Ypres sector the ground is mostly covered with a green weed and few wild flowers appear.

A. W. Rickman.

THE CORRECT PRICE.

It was a bookie just back from the honeymoon and he was telling his friend of "the wife's" many qualities. "Cook!" he exclaimed, "She can cook anything to perfection. Come home and have a bit o' supper with me now, and I'll lay *any odds* you won't be able to find fault with a single thing—well, I'll lay *six* to *four*, anyway! This is a true story.

Some lines on K.R. para. 862 as amended by A.O. of 1920, and particularly A.O. 109/1920.

I am not good at writing verse, but Heaven only knows
To what extremes I might not go if I wrote the thing in prose.
However fierce the thoughts may be which occur to me at the time
I've got to stick to the limits as dictated by the rhyme.

I joined the British Army on the 5th August, 14.
From Wellington and Sandhurst, so I was very keen.
I joined that fine old Unit, the famous Umteenth Foot,
And I fought the war from end to end, from the Cameroons to Kut.

Right well I loved my soldiers, and I think that they loved me,
And I taught them all the art of war as much as lay in me,
And I thought that all I need achieve was to show them how to fight,
To play the game and do their job with Right as well as Might.

But now I see that I was wrong, for wiseacres of late
Have bidden us all to sheathe our swords, and start to educate.
So I'll describe as best I can how brainy persons rule
That soldiers shall be weaned from war and suckled instead on school.

Short sighted Pte. Smith shall find when peering through his specs
The range of yonder crossing man by squaring the root of "X,"
And Pte. Jones will prove that he your order never heard,
As he was working out just then a simple childlike surd.

Another man you'll teach with care in barrack rooms to thrive
By showing him the habits of a bee inside its hive.
All latest joined recruits will very early have to know
The declension of the article in Greek, *viz.*, ὁ, ἡ, τό.

In digging trenches obsolete old terms you must not use,
Avoid such words as "parados" and try "hypotenuse."
Bimetalism, Logic, Differential Calculus
Will help you to allot the tasks without the slightest fuss.

To these abominations I might myself adapt,
But not to that vile obstacle to promotion up to Capt.
For I must take an Education Course or get the boot,
Or at the best remain till 50 years of age a Lieut.

So I beseech you sally forth from out your den of votes,
And creep into the Chamber from whence such horror floats,
And with a tomahawk and scalpel of an honest Injun,
Remove the brain of him who framed this scheme, please M.j.r St. J.hn.

"Acme."

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R. W. Fryer, Esq.	„ 7/21	P.R.I., Depôt	*Gazettes*
Capt. H. O. Sutherland	„ 8/21	P.R.I., 1st Battalion	*Gazettes*
O.C., 6th Batt. (6 copies)	„ 8/21	Col. Bonham Carter	*Gazettes*

BIRTH.

PACK.—On the 2nd September, 1920, at Aldershot, the wife of Q.M.S. Pack, 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers—a son.

MARRIAGE.

WILLS—CROSSLAND.—On the 1st September, at All Saints' Church, Fulham, by the Rev. C. G. Cavalier, M.A., Hon. C.F., Chevalier of the Crown of Roumania, Kenneth Agnew Wills, M.C., Captain, R. of O., Northumberland Fusiliers, younger son of the late Mr. Richard Wills, of Adelaide, South Australia, and Mrs. Wills, of Bath, to Viola, second daughter of the late Mr. Albert Crossland (Egyptian Civil Service) and Mrs. Crossland, of Heliopolis.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

DEP. PROV.-MARSHAL (CL. BB).—Maj. B. W. E. Gething, North. Fusrs., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Lieut.-Col. (dated 16th July).

SPEC. APPT. (CL. HH).—Lieut. J. H. B. Meek, 5th North. Fusrs., T.F., on ceasing to be emplyd. in a Record Office (dated 31st May).

G.S.O., 3RD GRADE.—Capt. C. Chipper, M.C., North. Fusrs. (dated 24th March).

The following appointments are made:—

RLY. TRAFFIC OFFR. (CL. FF).—Capt. C. W. Fairweather, 5th North. Fusrs. (T.F.) (dated 1st May)

EMPLYD. UNDER THE DIR. OF GRAVES REGISTRATION AND INQUIRIES (CL. FF).—Tempy. Lieut. G. M. Edmonds, Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs., (dated 1st May).

EMPLYD. UNDER DIR. OF ENGINEERING STORES (CL. FF).—Tempy. Lieut. R. H. Van Hee, Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs., from Cl. GG, and to be tempy. Capt. whilst so emplyd. (dated 1st March).

RLY. TRAFFIC OFFICER (CL. FF).—From Cl. GG.—Lieut. W. J. Basan, 5th North. Fusrs., T.F., and to be tempy. Capt. whilst so emplyd. (dated 1st Jany.).

MEMORANDA.

The following Bt.-Col. to be Col.:—A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., from Maj., North. Fusrs. (dated 31st Aug.).

The following to be tempy. Majs.:—Bt.-Maj. J. F. Chenevix-Trench, D.S.O., North. Fusrs. (from 28th Aug., 1916, to 3rd Feby., 1919), whilst a D.A.A. and Q.M.G. and D.A.A.G.; Bt.-Maj. E. L. Salier, M.C., North. Fusrs. (from 10th Oct., 1917, to 31st Aug., 1918), whilst a G.S.O., 2nd Grade.

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. W. Gibson retires on ret. pay (dated 7th Sept.), and is granted the rank of Lieut.-Col.

Lieut. R. M. Stevenson relinquishes his commsn. (dated 1st April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Lieut. R. E. D. O'Dowd resigns his commsn. (dated 22nd Sept.); Lieut. D. Story retires, receiving a gratuity (dated 22nd Sept.).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following Lieuts. relinquish their commsns.:—

J. E. Gilling, M.C., and retains the rank of Lieut. (dated 1st April); Lieut. J. Dodds, M.C., (dated 31st May), and retains the rank of Lieut.; Lieut. J. C. Bell (dated 1st April), and retains the rank of Lieut; Lieut. A. Logan (dated 9th Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; Lieut. W. Flowers (dated 25th April), and retains the rank of Lieut.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following to be Qrmr., with the rank of Capt.:—

4th Batt.—W. Watson, M.C. (dated 5th May).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. R. Bell to be Lieut. (dated 29th Nov., 1919).

4th Batt.—Capt. D. K. McComb, T.D., resigns his commsn. (dated 7th Sept.), and retains the rank of Capt., with permission to wear the prescribed uniform. Lieut. W. E. Pearson resigns his commsn. (dated 7th Sept.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

4th Batt.—Lieut. E. Marr is restored to the estbt. from the Labour Corps (dated 4th May, 1919).

4th Batt.—Lieut. E. G. Bates, M.C., late North. Fusrs. (Spec. Res.), to be Capt. (dated 31st July).

4th Batt.—Lieut. D. E. Riley is restored to the Unit (dated 27th Oct., 1919).

5th Batt.—Lieut. P. L. Hunting resigns his commsn. (dated 4th Sept.), and is granted the rank of Capt.; Lieut. B. D. Plummer, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 4th Sept.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. W. J. Henderson to be Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. H. Dixon to be Lieut. (dated 29th Nov., 1919).

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6th Batt.—Lieut. F. E. Dotchin is restd. to the estbt. on ceasing to be emplyd. with Labour Corps (dated 6th Jany.).

6th Batt.—Lieut. J. Thompson, from 4th Batt., to be Lieut. (dated 15th Aug.).

6th Batt.—Lieut. J. E. Robson, late Ser. Batt., to be Lieut. (dated 14th Aug.).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. P. J. March to be Lieut. (dated 11th March).

7th Batt.—Lieut. W. H. Dargie, M.C. (late Ser. Batt.) to be Lieut. (dated 3rd Sept.).

7th Batt.—Lieut. T. O. Donkin resigns his commsn. (dated 7th Sept.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

7th Batt.—Lieut. G. Noble, late Ser. Batt., to be Capt. (dated 31st July).

7th Batt.—Lieut. J. W. Mowitt, from 7th and 8th Batts. West Yorks R., to be Lieut. (dated 15th Sept.).

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Lieut. F. Haswell, from 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 15th Aug.).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Lieut. H. Dargie, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. J. E. Robson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 31st Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. C. Thompson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 26th Oct., 1918), with prec. next below J. T. Petty.

Tempy. Lieut. W. Brooks relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 7th Sept.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Maj. L. Permain relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st May), and retains the rank of Maj.

Tempy. Lieut. D. G. Stronach relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th April, 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Maj. A. M. Allen, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th Sept.), and retains the rank of Maj.; tempy. Capt. G. A. Brown, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 14th Sept.); and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. P. J. Burley relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 21st Jany., 1919), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. G. Noble is restored to the estbt. (dated 2nd May); tempy. Lieut. G. Noble relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd May), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. W. Miller resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 15th May, 1918).

Regimental Notes.

1ST BATTALION NOTES.

Save for the Regimental Sports held on the 24th September the month has passed almost without incident worthy of being recorded. Owing to the absence on embarkation leave of 100 men of the Draft most of our efforts have been directed towards completing Musketry and Lewis Rifle Courses and coping with the ceaseless demands for working parties. However, happy is the Regiment which has no history, in the palmy times of peace. No news is good news.

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The destination of the Draft has been altered afresh. It will now proceed to Mesopotamia as first ordered and not to India.

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The leave season is about to open, or so the more optimistic of us continue to hope. Nevertheless general opinion holds that though man proposes Mr. Smillie will probably dispose, and a "pass" that is not backed by this "omnipotent" demagogue will be of little value. The latest news is more reassuring but though daylight may be dimly seen we are as yet by no means out of the wood.

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The Regimental Football Team took the field against the 13th Hussars in the Senior League of the Aldershot Command Football Cup, only to be defeated by 6 goals to 1. This set back is attributed to the superior condition of the Cavalrymen who appeared to have it very much their own way in the forward line during most of the game.

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"Condition," however, is a quality that can be improved with training and a defeat at the beginning of the football season may prove to be of more real value to a newly formed team than an easy victory.

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C.Q.M.S. Clarke, Sgt. Walsh and Sgt. Newton have been playing for the Aldershot Command though C.Q.M.S. Clarke has been unfortunate enough to "crock" himself on several occasions.

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Though the uniformly bad weather of the last seven days boded ill for the prospects of a Regimental Sports Meeting, every preparation was made in the hope that for once the omens would be propitious. Our hopes were realised and a most successful meeting resulted. The number of entries was good and the form shown was very creditable. At the end Mrs. Yatman presented the prizes.

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LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS.

220 Yards Race.—1st, Cpl. Reed, Y Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. Calvert, W Coy.; 3rd, Sgt. Pullman, Z Coy.

Pillow-Fighting on Spar.—1st, Pte. Rouse; 2nd, Boy Medwell.

Long Jump.—1st, Cpl. Reed, Y Coy.; 2nd, C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, W Coy.

880 Yards Race.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Golightly, X Coy.; 2nd, Pte. Stewart, X Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Harper, Z Coy.

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1st, Sgt. Pullan; 2nd, Pte. Brown, Z Coy.; 3rd, Cpl. Holroyd, Z Coy.

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120 Yards Race.—1st, Sgt. Pullan, Z Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. Grundy, Z Coy.; 3rd, C.S.M. Dipper, W Coy.

Boys' Race.—1st, Boy Nugent; 2nd, Boy Whitingham; 3rd, Boy Paintavoine.

Egg and Spoon Race (Ladies).—1st, Mrs. Stafford; 2nd, Mrs. Young; 3rd, Mrs. Vines.

100 Yards Race.—1st, Cpl. Reed, Y Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. Shipley, X Coy.; 3rd, Sgt. Grundy, Z Coy.

Old Soldiers' Race.—1st, Sgt. Grundy, Z Coy.; 2nd, C.S.M. Vines, Z Coy.; 3rd, C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, W Coy.

Corporals' Race.—1st, Cpl. Reed, Y Coy.; 2nd, Cpl. Jones, X Coy.; 3rd, Cpl. Holroyd.

One Mile Race.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Golightly, X Coy.; 2nd, Pte. Stewart, X Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Harper.

Boot Race.—1st, Sgt. Calvert; 2nd, Sgt. Potts, W Coy.; 3rd, Sgt. Bartlett, W Coy.

Sack Race.—1st, Boy Talbot; 2nd, Boy Hall; 3rd, Sgt. Calvert.

Three Miles Race.—1st, Pte. Stewart, X Coy.; 2nd, Cpl. Rice. Pte. Golightly was disqualified.

High Jump.—1st, Cpl. Reed, Y Coy.; 2nd, C.S.M. Dipper, W Coy.

440 Yards Race.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. Golightly, X Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. Calvert, W Coy.; 3rd, Sgt. Shipley, X Coy.

Putting the Weight.—1st, Dr.-Maj. Brace; 2nd, Dr.-Maj. Hebbron.

Tug-of-War.—Winners: Letter Z Coy.

Relay Race (Companies).—1st, X Coy; 2nd, Z Coy.

Sergeants' Race.—1st, Sgt. Shipley, X Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. Grundy, Z Coy.; 3rd, C.Q.M.S. O'Hara, W Coy.

Obstacle Race.—1st, Sgt. Calvert, W Coy.; 2nd, Cpl. Holdroyd, Z Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Armstrong, Y Coy.

Band Race.—1st, Lce.-Cpl. English; 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Courtney; 3rd, Pte. Jones.

Consolation Race.—1st, C.Q.M.S. Cole, Z Coy.; 2nd, Sgt. Newton, X Coy.; 3rd, Cpl. Hebburn, Y Coy.

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The struggle for the Company Championship is being keenly contested but the result will not be decided till after the Boxing Competition has taken place.

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We have to acclaim the appearance of a young but vigorous addition to the Regimental Family. The Regiment now supports a Troop of Girl Guides and under the able guidance of its smartly garbed Captain it gives great promise of growth in numbers and efficiency.

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On the 23rd September a Rally was held. Brig.-Gen. Daley, C.B., C.M.G., inspected the Bordon Troop Boy Scouts, in which the Regimental youth is well represented, and the Girl Guides. The 5th Fusiliers' Troop was commanded by Miss Attwater, with Miss Nellie Adlard as Patrol Leader. The Scouts and Guides marched past to the music of the Drums of the Regiment.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Football results:—

Sergeants, 5th Fusiliers *versus* Sergeants, Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Both teams had their "siege side" on show and there were numerous amusing incidents. The tit-bit of the match was C.Q.M.S. Knapp scoring from a penalty. Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 6; 5th Fusiliers, 5.

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Sergeants, 5th Fusiliers, 6; Corporals, 5th Fusiliers, 1.

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We had quite a star team for this match, the Corporals being completely outclassed. Our team are now suffering from "dikkop" and have challenged the rest of the Battalion.

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In a return match *versus* Royal Dublin Fusiliers, we won handsomely by 4 goals to 1.

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A Whist Drive and Dance was held in the W.O.'s and Sergeants' Club on the 14th September. The Sergeants, 5th Fusiliers, were responsible for the arrangements and are to be congratulated on the excellent way in which the show was run.

DEPARTURES.

Lieut. R. E. D. O'Dowd on retirement, 22nd September, 1920.

ARRIVALS.

No. 4256007 C.S.M. F. B. Lee, joined from Depôt, 25th September, 1920.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

At last we have come to an agreement, and have arranged to hold a Whist Drive some time during the ensuing week.

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Our first Football match was not such a success as we imagined it would be, our opponents were the Sergeants of this Battalion who managed to beat us by 6 goals to 1; it is hardly worth while describing the game as it was played on a Sunday afternoon, a time when all of us are thinking of bed.

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A few of our best players are at present away with the Band at Tunbridge Wells, this fact alone accounts for the easy win the Sergeants had in the aforementioned match,

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To-day we are playing our first match away from home against the Y.M.C.A. at Alton; needless to say if we do not secure the points we should have a good supply of tea and buns to compensate us for our journey.

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At our last Mess meeting we all agreed to the purchase of a piano, which we hope will arrive in the next few days, to take the place of the gramophone, which by the way we still entertain hopes of mending. No doubt when we have obtained a few more instruments, we will be able to have a little concert party of our own to amuse the troops, but it is very doubtful whether we should be able to cut the Aldershot Hippodrome out.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

The following medals were presented by the Commanding Officer after Church Parade on Sunday, the 12th September, 1920:—

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS.

No. 4256011 Sgt.-Maj. G. Pullan, D.C.M.
„ 4256017 Bandmaster J. C. Windram
„ 4256016 R.Q.M.S. C. Adlard, M.M.

MILITARY MEDALS.

No. 4256549 Cpl. T. Patchett — No. 4256311 Bdsmn. J. Obey

1914 STAR.

No. 4256048 C.S.M. A. Graham — No. 4256050 Pte. J. Daley

1914-15 STAR.

No. 4256011 Sgt.-Maj. G. Pullan, D.C.M.	No. 4256262 Sgt. J. Lowe
„ 4256044 Sgt. W. Warriner	„ 4256483 Cpl. G. Speed
„ 4257216 Sgt. E. Gosman	„ 4256437 Lce.-Cpl. G. Gowen
„ 4257294 Sgt.-Dmr. J. Hebburn	„ 4256442 Lce.-Cpl. F. Stacy
	„ 4256433 Lce.-Cpl. W. Ellison

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
27th September, 1920.

There have been no events of great interest to record this month. The principal topic has been the imminence of the coal strike. As these notes are despatched there is a respite which we all hope will be permanent.

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Cricket is over and football has begun. Details of the matches played are set out below.

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We have had a visit from Lieut.-Col. E. B. Gordon during the month, and we hope that his duty or pleasure will bring him here again before long.

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No. 1 and No. 2 Coy. have fired their respective courses at Ponteland and returned to Barracks fired with the zeal of musketry and burnt with the sun. Their notes are published separately.

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Maj. Cruddas, Capt. Milne Home and Mr. English having secured houses, the close season for house hunting may be said to have arrived. Maj. Cruddas and Mr. English have houses on the upper reaches of the Tyne and Capt. Milne Home on the lower. (The latter description is a euphemism.)

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Some Officers have been attending short courses of marksmanship amongst the grouse and partridges which took place at such various and remote spots as Wooler, the Lammermoors, Surrey, Haydon Bridge, Norfolk and Salisbury. It is hoped that further Refresher Courses will be arranged.

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Under the scheme whereby the personnel of Depôts exchange visits, the Depôt South Staffordshire Regt. pays us a visit early next month, and we pay the 40th R.D. a visit in the middle of the month.

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5TH/68TH R.D. AND 1ST RESERVE BRIGADE R.F.A.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

Gnr. Walker, b Capt. Rushbrooke	13
Bdr. Bishop, b Capt. Rushbrooke	7
Lieut. Alexander, b Lieut. Liddell	5
Bdr. Downs, c Senior, b Lieut. Liddell	14
Sgt. Wright, b Lieut. Liddell	3
Gnr. Stapleton, c Capt. Milne Home, b Liddell	3
Lieut. Champion, c Capt. Milne Home, b Lieut. Liddell	0
S.S. Lee, c C.S.M. Earle, b Capt. Rushbrooke	37
Signr. Inskip, c and b Lieut. Liddell	8
B.S.M. Fowler, not out	0
Dvr. Maltby, st. Paddon, b Liddell	0
Extras	9
Total	99

5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPOT.

Capt. Milne Home, b Stapleton	17
Capt. Rushbrooke, b Lee	0
C.Q.M.S. Rason, c Wright, b Stapleton	6
Lieut. Liddell, b Stapleton	19
Sgt.-Dmr. Slater, b Lee	1
Lieut. English, c Walker, b Stapleton	1
C.S.M. Earle, c Maltby, b Stapleton	1
Lce.-Cpl. Penistone, lbw, b Lee	1
Pte. Senior, b Lee	6
Lieut. Briggs, not out	30
C.S.M. Paddon, b Inskip	12
Extras	27
Total	121

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

ROYAL FIELD ARTILLERY.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Capt. Rushbrooke	12	2	55	3	18.3
Lieut. Liddell	11	1	35	7	5.0

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5TH/68TH REGIMENTAL DEPOT.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	A.
Lee ..	16	6	48	4	12.0
Stapleton ..	14	1	41	5	8.2
Inskip ..	1	—	5	1	5.0

TYNESIDE WEDNESDAY LEAGUE NOTES.

The Depôt Team has not made a great start in the Tyneside Wednesday League, only securing one point out of four in the first two matches, but great hopes are entertained that the forwards may find where the goal lies in the near future.

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On the 8th instant our first match against Washington resulted in a goalless draw after a strenuous game at Washington, and it seemed a "racing cert" on the game at home the following Wednesday, but we also ran, to the tune of being beaten by two goals to *nil*, our Washington visitors well deserving to win.

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Next week we are looking forward to "The Local Derby," when we meet our unbeaten friends the 68th Regimental Depôt.

DETACHMENT NOTES—No. 2 COMPANY.

PONTELAND,
20th August, 1920.

As promised I herewith append the results of our Sports which took place on Thursday, 26th August, on a most glorious day. The proceedings attracted quite a considerable number of the opposite sex amongst whom could be distinguished the Range Warden's wife and the Manageress and her assistant in the Canteen.

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The first race was appropriately the Revèille Race:—

Revèille Race.—1st, Sgt. W. Marrs; 2nd, Sgt. H. W. Price.

Blindfold Race.—1st, Sgt. H. W. Price; 2nd, Sgt. J. Featherstone.

Relay Race.—1st, Sgt. J. Featherstone; 2nd, Sgt. Lewis.

Boat Race.—Dead heat: Sgt. Price and Sgt. Fenemore.

Section Drill (Blindfold).—Sgt. J. Featherstone.

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All events were entered for by teams of 1 N.C.O. and 5 men. We intended it to be 1 and 6 but owing to casualties had to cut it down. The team of Warrant Officers under the leadership of Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., unfortunately ran nowhere although they had some bad luck.

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POINTS NOTICED.

C.S.M. to Blindfold Section: Now! *Look here*, no talking in the ranks.

Was the jockey's name "Homeless Hector" who broke his charger's nose in the Blindfold Race?

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Who was the C.S.M. who sprinted in the Relay Race?

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Who was the veteran Sergeant who won two events?

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Who was the C.S.M. who lost the W.O.'s Revèille Race?

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Was it *weight* that broke the W.O.'s boat in the Boat Race, or was it energy on the part of Dixie?

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Can a C.Q.M.S. drill a Squad? Yes, blindfold. And is it true that whilst doing so he lost his right hand man. Who was HE and has he returned?

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In continuation I might add we returned to Barracks on Saturday, the 28th August, No. 1 Coy. relieving us. On the whole, all, I think, were sorry to leave, for the air and change of surroundings did us all a power of good. The best shot in the Company was Sgt. Fennemore who scored in Part IV. 163. The Company's average being 127.8.

No. 1 COMPANY.

We arrived at Ponteland on the 30th August and the day was a very fine one, and everybody seemed brighter from the first and looked forward to a good time, which we certainly did have. Like No. 2 Coy., our big game hunters were unfortunate, one brave old Hector even failed to frighten an innocent sparrow off a pole on remarking: "Well, I am not going home without shooting something." We know he is good when going up the Range but the sparrow knew he was no good standing.

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On Wednesday, the 8th, we played Ponteland at football but owing to the fact that our Depôt XI. were playing at Washington we could only turn out a recruits' team with an old soldier here and there to hold them together, and it proved a very exciting game. In the first place we were up against players far bigger and heavier but the youngsters never flinched. We lost the toss and started up-hill, with a setting sun in our faces, consequently the home team were not long in putting three goals in, all from the right wingman. Just before half-time Cpl. Blackett, our dashing outside right, scored, but soon after Ponteland added a fourth. Interval: Ponteland, 4; No. 1 Coy., 1.

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The second half turned in our favour and in a very short

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time Pte. Gray, a new-found centre forward, scored three goals, all of which were really good. From this time both teams tried hard to add the winning goal but without result. Final: 4—4.

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The return match found Ponteland unable to turn out their full team and after some delay we started. It was not long before our centre-forward, Pte. Gray, was seen for the second time in a scoring mood; once again he did the hat trick, Ptes. Oates and Hall adding the fourth and fifth. Our opponents managed one but for some reason or other our goalkeeper of Indian 3rd XI. fame made no attempt to stop it. (It was heard on the line that the youthful supporters of Ponteland offered him a penny a goal.) Result: No. 1 Coy., 5; Ponteland, 1.

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On completion of the Annual Course, Sports were held and run on the team system. The first item was a Cross-Country Race for recruits only. Results: Pte. Allan was first man in followed by Ptes. Atkinson and Waugh. The first complete teams were No. 5 and 4, both of No. 9 Squad (C.S.M. Watson's). At this time the weather looked bad and after almost three weeks of splendid afternoons this one turned out wet but we managed to run the following events:—

Wheelbarrow Race.—Winners: No. 8 team, Duty men; 2nd, No. 1 team, Recruits.

Pick-a-Back Wrestling.—Winners: No. 6 team, Duty men; 2nd, No. 2 Coy.'s team, Duty men.

Blindfold Driving.—Winners: No. 6 team, Duty men; 2nd, No. 4 team, Recruits.

Boat Race.—Winners: Nos. 6, 1 and 3 teams tied. Bad weather prevented the running off.

Relay Race (600 Yards).—Winners: No. 6 team, Duty men; 2nd, No. 1 team, Recruits.

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Owing to the rain we had to retire and as it showed no signs of stopping we held a Blindfold Boxing Competition in the Recreation Room, and to the recruits it caused roars of laughter owing to the fact that as there was no ring one and all present ran the risk of a right hook or an upper-cut. One Sergeant competitor failing to find his opponent delivered a hard right at the wall and in his next fight had to retire in consequence. Winner: Pte. Kears; 2nd, Pte. Holt.

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The end of a glorious day was complete with a grand concert under the able management of C.S.M. Duncan. C.S.M. Duncan towards the close called on C.S.M. Prophet, who to the disappointment of the troops, only rendered "Time, Please."

4TH BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
24th September, 1920.

The Battalion was well represented at the Brigade Sports Meeting held at Scarborough on the 25th of August, and the competitors are to be congratulated on the manner in which they upheld the credit of the Battalion. The following are the names of the winners of some of the events:—

100 Yards.—1st, Capt. R. Allan; 2nd, Sgt. Cousins.
440 Yards.—1st, Sgt. Cousins; 2nd, Pte. Daglish.
Officers' Race (220 Yards).—2nd, Capt. R. Allan.
Relay Race.—2nd; (team) Capt. R. Allan, Sgt. Cousins, Lce.-Cpl. Tilley, Pte. Daglish.
Cross-Country.—2nd.
Tug-of-War.—2nd; lost in final to 7th Battalion.

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The winners of the Brigade Championship Cup was only decided by the last event of the day, that being the Relay Race. The positions of the Battalions before the race being as follows:—

7th Battalion	40 points
4th Battalion	31 ,,
5th Battalion	30 ,,
6th Battalion	22 ,,

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After a most exciting race and sporting finish the Battalion were beaten for 1st place, by a margin of half yard only, the 5th Battalion being the winners and thereby tieing with the 7th Battalion for the Championship.

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The Battalion is now settling down to winter training and completion of Musketry, the period for this having been extended to the 31st December, 1920.

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It is with regret that we have to record the following resignations:—Lieuts. B. D. Plummer, M.C., W. E. Pearson and P. L. Hunting.

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The following W.O. has joined the Battalion and posted to Bellingham:—Army No. 4256059 T/R.S.M. W. Dresser.

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Since the introduction of the new system of numbers, members of the Battalion are to be heard muttering to themselves, strings of numbers, in their endeavours, presumably, to train their memories to cope with the above.

5TH BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
4th October, 1920.

Our return from Camp on the 29th August has heralded a quiet time in contrast to the stir and bustle preceding the Annual Training.

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The Staff have settled down very quietly and time once so scarce and precious is now being devoted to training

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for the completion of the Musketry Season, which latter has been extended to the 31st December.

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The Miniature Range, which had fallen into depletion during the long years of the war, has been temporarily put in order by the Staff, and excellent practice amongst the recruits bespeaks that the 5th Battalion will soon be throwing out challenges in this direction.

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An additional display of trophies from the battlefields and a curious combination of musketry theory around the walls adds just another touch to the ornamental decorations of the Walker Drill Hall. "It is hoped soon to open a Museum in the Drill Hall with all the infernalities of the war on exhibition." Really some of us never knew that "Jerry" had such a lot of "old iron" though admittedly he was not very sparing with it when in his prime.

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The winter season now upon us has been productive of further enthusiasm from the members of the Sergeants' Mess; and a Dance Committee has been convened and empowered to arrange for the first of a series of dances on Friday, the 22nd.

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As A Coy. are firing at Ponteland on the Saturday it is to be hoped that the steadiness of the Battalion will be quite as much proved on this occasion as in the field in recent years.

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The Wallsend Detachment, now that the Hall is out of the hands of the decorators, have opened their Sergeants' Mess; Maj. Phillips, Officer Commanding the Detachment, attending on the opening night, the proceedings being accompanied by the usual salutations and good cheer. The Mess, although smaller than the Headquarters' Mess, has been exceedingly well fitted up, and with a piano, gramaphone, and a one-string fiddle of famed repute is quite the enjoyable social conviviality that one expects in the Territorial Army. The pedigree of the "wonderful" one-string fiddle which consists of 1 pick shaft, 1 Machonnicie tin, 1 strand of cable wire and a pig's tail as bow, may be had from Lce.-Sgt. Aitchison, of the Wallsend Mess. The same instrument has war service to its credit and might make a suitable picture panel to pair with Capt. Bairnsfather's "Old Bill" and "Plum and Apple."

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The recent Camp is having its effect upon recruiting both in the strength and exodus from the Battalion. Considerable numbers have left the Battalion to join the Regular Army, and it is pleasing to report that their places are being filled up almost as rapidly.

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(It is regretted that owing to the tardy arrival of these notes the photograph and illustration accompanying them have had to be held over.—Ed., *St. G. G.)*

7th BATTALION NOTES.

Alnwick,

24th September, 1920.

On Sunday, the 29th August, we returned from our first annual training as a re-organised Unit of the Territorial Army, this being our eighth camp since the formation of the Battalion. This year's training can be described as in every way a huge success, both from a training and athletic point of view.

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Scarborough makes an ideal spot for training and pleasure, and, as the vast proportion of the men give up the only holiday they get in the year to train, the latter consideration needs always to have due consideration from the powers that be.

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Since returning from camp recruiting has recommenced with successful results, a guarantee that the men have thoroughly enjoyed their time under canvas and have given glowing accounts of it to their friends. Indeed every credit is due to the men and especially ex-members who have re-joined for the good results already obtained. They, by bringing in their friends, have really been the best recruiting agents and now with this training completed it can be predicted with confidence that the Battalion will soon be up to the necessary 60 per cent. of establishment.

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During the last week of the training Battalion schemes were the order of the day, but by far the most interesting scheme was undoubtedly that on Friday, the 27th August, when the 4th Battalion and 5th D.L.I., under Col. Spence, D.S.O., of the latter Unit, acting as a rear guard to a defeated force re-embarking, opposed the 5th, 6th and 7th Battalions, under Lieut.-Col. Irwin, D.S.O., 5th Battalion. The Brigadier (Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O.) acted as chief umpire and at the close criticised the tardy use made of the reserve by the attacking Battalions, when time was so precious to the raiders, and commented favourably on the amount of information sent back by the attackers.

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The training came to a conclusion on Saturday with a Brigade Inspection by the Brigadier, who gave an inspiring address at its close, and thereafter the Battalions marched past in column of route.

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Brigade Sports were held on the Thursday and were eagerly looked forward to. The fact that the Brigadier had presented a handsome challenge cup, to be held by the Battalion gaining most points, stimulated interest enormously. The blackboard was eagerly scanned towards the end of the meeting, and when the result was declared, 5th Battalion, 40 points; 7th Battalion, 40 points; there was tremendous enthusiasm among members of those Units.

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The following were the results which contributed to the 7th's points:—High Jump: 1, Pte. H. Moody; 2, Pte. D. Moody, A (Morpeth) Coy. Boat Race: 2, Lce.-Cpl. Gray, Ptes. F. Adamson, J. T. Young, Howell, Burn, Elliott, Yemen and Walworth, C (Alnwick) Coy. Quarter-Mile: Lce.-Cpl. Wood, D (Berwick) Coy. Tug-of-War: D Coy.'s Team. Three-legged Race: Ptes. Howell and F. Adamson, C Coy. Football: Winners of Brigade Competition. Cross-Country: 1st team home (Cpl. Adamson, C Coy., winner).

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As announced in the above results the Battalion won the Cup put up for the Soccer Competition. There were, however, two most strenuous contests with the 5th Battalion before a decisive result was obtained. The teams were most evenly matched and the result was in doubt until the final whistle blew. Tremendous scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed when the 7th scored what proved to be the winning goal. Cpl. Cobbledick and one of the 5th backs share the credit, for the former headed into goal and the opposing back in falling diverted the sphere out of the goalkeeper's reach. Needless to say the victory was celebrated in time-honoured fashion.

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By agreeing to share the Sports Cup for the year the respective C.O.'s are to be congratulated on their decision, which has done a great deal to cement the good relations subsisting between the two Battalions.

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The names of the successful footer players were as follows:—Sgt. Forster (A Coy); Cpl. Purves and Pte. Graham (D Coy); Sgt. Richardson, D.C.M., M.S.M. (D Coy), Cpl. Scott, D.C.M. (B Coy) and Pte. Lees (D Coy.); Pte. P. Richardson, Pte. A. Johnson (D Coy.), Cpl. Cobbledick, M.M. (B Coy.), Capt. Gregson and Pte. M. B. Thompson (C Coy.).

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We left Scarborough on Sunday morning, marching to the Station to the appropriate tune "Good-Byee," and returned to our home stations with happy memories of our sojourn at the Yorkshire seaside resort and many regrets that the time had gone all too quickly. Before leaving camp Col. Wright complimented the Battalion on its behaviour, the spirit displayed, and the successes gained.

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Since our return musketry has principally been claiming our attention and good progress has been made by some Companies.

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Immediately after its return Morpeth Company held a Smoking Concert at which the opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Sgt.-Instr. Sandy on his departure to the 4th Batt. Yorks Regt. Capt. Brown, M.C., made the presentation, thanked him for the good work he had done with the Company, and wished him, on behalf of the Company, success in future. After Sgt. Sandy had replied, a very pleasant evening was spent.

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Berwick Coy. has been paying its last respects to fallen comrades on two occasions this month. On the 8th there was a capital attendance when the Company attended the Dedication of the Parish Church Memorial. On Sunday, the 19th, the Company provided a Guard of Honour to Field Marshal Lord Allenby when he came to unveil the War Memorial at Horncliffe, near Berwick. Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., and Lieut. J. H. Huffman were the Officers of the Guard of Honour, which consisted of 50 other ranks. The Field Marshal on his inspection commented on the number of men wearing medal ribbons and before entering the Church warmly complimented Capt. Cowen on the smartness and turn-out of the troops. Past and present Officers at the ceremony were:—Col. J. J. Gillespie, T.D., Maj. H. R. Smail, Capts. Hon. W. J. M. Watson-Armstrong, E. H. Crow and W. C. S. Gregson.

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Many of us are looking forward to the Berwick Coy.'s second Annual Reunion, which takes place to-morrow, and it is hoped that the other Companies which ran similar functions last year or earlier in 1920 will see their way to have at least something on the same lines this year. These events are eagerly looked forward to by the old hands, who deserve to have one night's jollification in the year with their old comrades in arms whether they have joined the re-constituted Battalion or not.

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We hope next month to give a full list of promotions and appointments up-to-date, but as we have had so much to record we fear if we include them on this occasion the Editor will start making excisions on what is recorded above, so we have refrained from including them for this number.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
NEAR WALLINGFORD,
30th September, 1920.

We have received from Mr. Francis Buckeley a copy of a book called "Q. 6, A" which contains that Officer's personal experiences in and recollections of the Great War. The book is privately published and is not for sale, though the author informs me that he would be very glad to present a copy to any Officer who served in the 149th Infantry Brigade.

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It would be useless to review the book as it is not on sale but our reason for commenting upon it is two-fold. Firstly, to let those of our readers who served in the 149th Brigade know about its existence, and secondly, to express

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a hope that others who may have written similar memoirs will not let their literary flowers bloom unseen. Such personal diaries, etc., are invaluable aids to future historians.

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The following extract from a letter to the press anent the "York Column in London" is of interest:—

"A public meeting was held at the Freemasons' Tavern on the 26th February, 1827, at which the Duke of Wellington took the chair, in favour of a monument to the late Commander-in-Chief. There were present the Archbishop of Canterbury and four Bishops, besides fourteen Peers and several M.P.'s, Officers, etc. Some £4,500 was collected on the spot, including £60 from all ranks of the 5th Foot, which Regiment appears to have been the first to have the honour of being 'mulcted' in one day's pay for a memorial to 'The Soldier's Friend.'"

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We wonder what would happen "nowadays" if all ranks were "mulcted" of a day's pay to provide a statue to—let us say Mr. W—nst—n Ch—rch—ll!!

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Can anyone provide a 5th Fusilier with a copy of the *Gazette* for October, 1910? If so will they please forward same to the Editorial Sanctum?

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Subscriptions due in October:—

G. Bates, Esq.
Capt. Garrard
Mrs. O. Redwood
Mrs. A. Rowsell
Mrs. M. Todd
Lieut. J. Tindle
Capt. J. Morlet

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We regret going to press minus any notes from the 2nd Battalion but we presume that the disturbed conditions existing in the neighbourhood of its location have delayed the mail that was bearing them to the Editorial domicile.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Mrs. Armstrong (2nd Batt.)
Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
Capt. M. Barwick
Master F. Baxter (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Bell (2nd Batt.)
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Capt. T. R. Ellison, M.C.
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Mr. J. O'Rourke (2nd Batt.)
Col. Pedley
Mrs. F. Robson (2nd Batt.)
Miss M. Sayers (2nd Batt.)
Lieut. W. Smart
Miss W. Wood (2nd Batt.)

ENGAGEMENTS.

A marriage has been arranged between Mr. Ernest W C. Wace, Indian Police, son of Col. E. C. Wace, D.S.O., late Royal Artillery, and Mrs. Wace, of 25, Clive Avenue, Hastings, and Irene Marguerite, twin daughter of Capt. Mowbray Sant, late 5th Fusiliers, Chief Constable of Surrey, and Mrs. Sant, of the Red House, Shalford, Surrey.

A marriage has been arranged between Capt. George R. P. Roupell, V.C., East Surrey Regt., son of the late Col. F. F. Roupell, East Surrey Regt., and Mrs. Roupell, of Chart Ham, Bournemouth, and Doris Phoebe, twin daughter of Capt. Mowbray Sant, late 5th Fusiliers, Chief Constable of Surrey, and Mrs. Sant, of the Red House, Shalford, Surrey.

Letters to the Editor.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
27th September, 1920.

To the Editor, "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The following subscriptions to the Memorial Fund, 1st and 2nd Batts. 5th Fusiliers, have been received:—

	£	s.	d.
Col. E. W. Dashwood	5	0	0
B. R. Newstead, Esq.	5	0	0
Mrs. Carr Ellison	5	0	0
Maj. C. E. Thornton	2	2	0
M. Blackett Ord, Esq.	2	0	0
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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY,
8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
30th September, 1920

To the Editor, "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge with many thanks subscriptions and donations received between 1st July and 30th September, 1920, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. W. Booth (in memory of A.W.C.B.)	1	1	0
United Services Trustee on behalf of 11th Batt. N.F.	591	4	0
United Services Trustee on behalf of 68th Infantry Brigade	47	16	1
1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers	0	12	0
Mrs. Barrett, Balance Sporting Fund Account of the late Capt. L. Barrett, 1st N.F., per Hon. Secretary	13	13	6
Mrs. Attwood	1	0	0

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT, Lieut.-Colonel,
Secretary, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

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HISTORICAL MEMOIRS OF FIFTH FUSILIERS.

Maj. Shadwell Clerke.

Thomas Henry Shadwell Clerke was the eldest son of Jonathan Clerke, Esq., M.D., and Eliza, his wife. Mrs. Clerke died at her residence in Bandon, Co. Cork, in March, 1742, being then a widow aged 74. She left three sons, Maj. T. H. S. Clerke, K.H., Col. St. J. A. Clerke, K.H., and Capt. W. J. Clerke, 77th Foot.

Shadwell Clerke was born in 1790 and joined the 28th Foot as Ensign the 30th July, 1805, being then aged 15, two years later, 12th March, 1807, he exchanged to the FIFTH. He seems to have been first attached to the Light Coy. of the 1st Battalion, for, on the eve of Corunna, Lieut. Clerke, of the Light Infantry Coy., is mentioned as having carried his mortally wounded Colonel down from the Heights of Palavea.

After their return from Corunna the 1/5th were sent to Walcheren but it would appear that Clerke exchanged into the 2nd Battalion and, instead of going to the Scheldt, returned once more to the Peninsular. For it was with

COL. SHADWELL CLERKE.

(From the original drawing in possession of A. Brewis, Esq.)

Clerke that Henry King rode out to inspect the fortresses of Almeida and Ciudad Rodrigo, exchanging compliments and shots with the French beseigers. That was in June, 1810, when the 2/5th were guarding the frontier before the retreat that led to Busaco and the Lines of Torres Vedras.

It was Clerke, with the Light Coy., who led the way through the Mondego when some of the Brigade hesitated; and it was Clerke's Company which alone of the 2/5th was blooded at Busaco.

When, in the spring of 1811, Massena retreated, the 2/5th in the Third Division were sent in hot pursuit. At Redina, on the 12th March, the French rearguard made their first stand, the Light Coy. of the 2/5th were hotly engaged, and Clerke was so severely wounded that his right leg had afterwards to be amputated.

For some months he must have lain in hospital for it was not until summer that he returned in the *Diadem* to England. On the 12th March, 1812, he was awarded a pension of £100 per annum for the loss of his leg. On the 22nd August, 1813, he became Captain, and in 1816 exchanged to half-pay of the 57th Foot (28th February).

Although this premature retirement was an undoubted loss to the FIFTH (Sir Henry Hardinge speaks of him as a "very accurate and able Officer" and his friendship with King is a guarantee of worth), yet it was not without benefit to the Army in general, for, in 1828, Maj. T. H. Shadwell Clerke became the first Editor of Colburn's *United Service Journal*, in which office he continued for nearly fourteen years. Clerke was also a Vice-President of the United Service Institute, and a very generous donator to the Museum. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Maj. Clerke's connection with the *United Service Journal* indirectly benefited his old Regiment, for in the early pages of the *United Service Journal* contributions from his old comrades, or matters directly connected with the Regiment, occasionally find a place. For example, a letter from Lieut.-Col. Ridge describing the capture of Ciudad Rodrigo appears on page 66, 1829, while in the same volume, page 304, is an account of the taking of the Castle at Badajos, obviously written by one of the FIFTH. In 1843, i. 272, Col.-Sgt. Jones (late Orderly Sergeant to Ridge) has a letter; the El Boden controversy goes on through three volumes, 1829, ii., 1830; ii., 1831, i.; while in 1829 ii. there is an account of the FIFTH in the West Indies, and the death of the Commanding Officer, Lieut.-Col. Eames, under whom Clerke must have fought at Corunna.

In 1840, Clerke was employed as the medium in a correspondence between Capt. Percy Douglas (son of Sir Howard Douglas) and Lord Charles Fitzroy. Capt. Douglas had resented some criticisms published by Lord Charles concerning Sir Howard's administration of the Ionian Islands, where at that time the FIFTH were quartered. In 1831 the epitaph of Col.-Sgt. Robinson, killed in Ireland, was published, etc. etc.

THE ACID TEST.

A country housewife, full of good intentions, but possessing little culinary knowledge, decided to try her hand at cake-making. The result was somewhat on the heavy side, and, after offering it to the various members of her household, she threw it to the ducks in disgust. A short time afterwards two urchins tapped at her door. "I say, missus," they shouted gleefully; "your ducks 'ave sunk."

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HOW LAWS ARE MADE.

(By T. S.).

Once again circumstances have driven me to assume the first person singular and to rush in to fill a breach caused by a sad lack of copy. I suppose I should apologise for the subject matter I have chosen but I will not do so for two reasons. First, because astonishingly few people know what a business it is to place an Act of Parliament upon the Statute Book, and secondly, because if readers of the *St. George's Gazette* do not like these nice little instructive articles they have the remedy in their own hands, namely, to keep the Editorial files filled with copy.

To begin with, His Majesty's Government having decided to make a law, the particular Minister told off to see to it sends for a very learned and highly paid gentleman called a Government draughtsman and instructs him to draw up in that mysteriously cumbrous phraseology in which all laws are written, what is called a "Bill," embodying in intricate language a statement of the simple conditions which the Cabinet desire to impose upon the community. The final draft of this is then submitted to the Cabinet for their approval and when that is done "Notice of presentation of the Bill" is given to the House of Commons by the simple expedient of placing the notification upon the agenda paper of the House.

When the right moment arrives—and like all business in the House of Commons there is an exact phsycological moment for doing any item, miss that moment by half a minute and the opportunity is gone for that day at any rate—when, as I said, the moment arrives the Bill is presented with due precision and formality. This consists in the Speaker calling the name of the Member who is to present the Bill, who hands a paper presumably containing a draft of the Bill (though actually only a title head) to the Clerk at the table who in his turn calls out the title of the Bill and the job is done. The Bill is presented and unless, on rare occasions, it is considered desirable by the Minister in charge to make a short explanatory speech about it limited to ten minutes duration, it is taken to have been read for the first time.

As soon as it has been formerly presented printed copies of it are circulated to Members. When they have had a reasonable period in which to endeavour to assimulate the purport of the Bill, it is brought up again for its second reading. On this occasion the Minister in charge, if it is a Government Measure, or the Member introducing it if it is not, makes a more detailed explanation of its purport. When he has finished the question is put that the Bill be now read a second time. When this is done those who are opposed to the Bill get a look in with an amendment to the question to the effect that instead of *now*, three or six months would do quite as well. This starts a debate which may continue for a day or perhaps two or even three days. Eventually the question is put that *now* stand part of the original question and on this a division is taken. If, as is usually the case, the question is carried the Bill is read a second time and is committed to a Committee consisting either of the whole House or of a selection of Members, called a Standing Committee.

Another period of time is allowed to elapse to enable Members to table their amendments. These amendments are tricky things and have to be very carefully considered. They may not be tabled till the Bill is read a second time and then they must not be of such a nature as to interfere with the broad principles of the Bill which have been already accepted by the House. Every word in a Bill is subject to an amendment, and when you get a Bill of 300 pages, each containing 400 words, it may be understood that some work may be entailed. The actual procedure in committee is too intricate to attempt to deal with it here but in due course it gets through and then the Bill, in its new clothes as it were with all the amendments made duly inserted, or deleted, is reprinted and is "reported" to the House. In this stage it is again taken clause by clause and line by line, and again considered, and can be again amended. When each clause in turn has been specifically declared by a resolution of the House after, if necessary, a division to "stand part of the Bill," the Bill is considered ready to be read a third time. The third reading is very much like the second reading and opportunity is taken by those friendly to the Bill to sing its praises and those opposed to it to say bitter things about it.

When it is read a third time it is taken to the House of Lords where it is again printed and where it undergoes somewhat similar bucketing about. Not quite so severe as in the Commons perhaps, but still a pretty close scrutiny is made of it and alterations made to it.

These alterations are brought back to the Commons for their scrutiny and approval or disapproval and eventually after perhaps considerable journeying from place to place the Bill receives the solemn assent of His Majesty and *is* placed upon the Statute Book as an Act of Parliament. The announcement that a Bill has received the gracious assent is in itself a solemn and by no means unpicturesque ceremony which space prevents my describing in detail. It takes place in the House of Lords and a good deal of the rigmarole attached to it is spoken in old French.

It must not be imagined that *all* measures take so much thought and time. Many of them are merely formal and though they go through all the stages as I have written them they may only take a minute to complete each stage. I have often known a Bill pass through all its stages in less than five minutes but it should not be supposed from this fact that there is any tendency on the part of M.P.'s to "scamp" speech making, on the contrary the tendency is, alas! all the other way, and the House of Commons might well be called the House of Vain Repetitions.

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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BIRTHS.

AMBURY.—On the 24th September, to the wife of Q.M.S. Ambury, Depôt, 5th Fusiliers—a son.

WATSON.—On the 24th September, to the wife of C.S.M. Watson, Depôt, 5th Fusiliers—a son.

MARRIAGES.

HOPKINSON—WATSON.—On the 6th October, quietly, at St. James's, Piccadilly, by the Rev. Basil Phillips, M.A., Vicar of St. Mark's, Farnborough, Capt. Ralph C. Hopkinson, late 5th Fusiliers, to Rose, widow of Capt. Reginald Heywood Watson.

SUTHERLAND—WATNEY.—On the 12th October, at St. James's, Piccadilly, by the Rev. P. Phillips, assisted by the Rev. R. Cattell, Capt. Herbert Ore Sutherland, 5th Fusiliers, fourth son of the late Mr. A. B. Sutherland, The Homestead, Bedford, and Mrs. Sutherland, of Oaklands Road, Bedford, and Eileen Dendy, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dendy Watney, of Summerfields, Addlestone, Surrey.

DEATHS.

BEAUTYMAN.—On the 2nd August, 1920, at Military Hospital, Mosul, No. 88941 Pte. Beautyman, A Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers.

PICKLES.—On the 26th July, 1920, at Military Hospital, Mosul, No. 93696 Pte. E. Pickles, A Coy. 2/5th Fusiliers.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following temporary appointment is made:—

SPEC. APPT., CL. FF.—Whle emplyd. as Courts-Martial Offr.—Tempy. Maj. D. R. Osborne, Ser. Batt. North. Fusrs., from a Courts-Martial Offr., ungraded (dated 30th Sept.).

The following relinquishes his appointment:—

DEP. ASST. CONTROLLER OF SALVAGE (CL. BB).—Capt. St. J. E. Montagu, retd. pay, and relinquishes tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 4th April, 1919) (substituted for notification in *Gazette* 12th June, 1919).

MEMORANDA.

The following relinquish the tempy. rank of Capt:—

Lieut. J. C. Mouat, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., on ceasing to be emplyd. as an R.T.O. (dated 19th July); Lieut. A. Logan, 3rd Batt. North. Fusrs., Spec. Res. (dated 9th Aug.).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Capt. and Bt.-Maj. C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., resigns his commsn. (dated 13th Oct.).

Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.C., M.B.E., is restd. to estabt. (dated 1st Oct.).

Lieut. A. P. M. Sanders resigns his commsn. on appt. to a permanent commsn. in the R.A.F. (dated 1st Aug., 1919).

Lieut. R. Alexander is secd. for service with the W. Afr. R. (dated 29th Sept.).

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

Bt.-Maj. C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., late Capt. and Bt.-Maj., North. Fusrs., to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 13th Oct.).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following relinquish their commsns.:—

Lieut. J. C. Mouat (dated 21st July), and is granted the rank of Capt.

2nd-Lieut. A. A. Scott (dated 1st April), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

5th Batt.—Lieut. A. M. Hall is restd. to the Unit (dated 25th Oct., 1919).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. H. McKechnie to be Lieut. (dated 23rd Dec., 1919).

5th Batt.—Lieut. E. Bisset, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 15th Oct.), and is granted rank of Capt.; Lieut. H. L. Daglish resigns his commsn. (dated 15th Oct.), and is granted the rank of Capt.

5th Batt.—Lieut. H. Armstrong, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 16th Oct.), and is granted the rank of Capt.; Lieut. S. A. T. Kerr resigns his commsn. (dated 16th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; Lieut. E. A. Rendell resigns his commsn. (dated 16th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

5th Batt.—Lieut. R. A. Murray resigns his commsn. (dated 20th Oct.), and is granted the rank of Capt. The following Lieuts. resign their commsns. (dated 20th Oct.), and retain their rank:—H. S. Fleming, M.C., H. W. Gill, F. W. Hill, S. Knox, H. McKechnie, H. E. Merritt, H. Raybould, S. Townshend. 2nd-Lieut. J. A. C. Coston resigns his commsn. (dated 20th Oct.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

5th Batt.—Capt. H. L. Stafford resigns his commsn. (dated 19th Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.; Lieut. O. A. Brown resigns his commsn. (dated 19th Oct.), and is granted the rank of Capt.; Lieut. E. J. Alston resigns his commsn. (dated 19th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; Lieut. S. J. Curtis resigns his commsn. (dated 19th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. F. F. Ridley to be Lieut. (dated 23rd Dec., 1919).

5th Batt.—Capt. G. Branfoot resigns his commsn. (dated 14th Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.; Capt. U. R. Gerry resigns his commsn. (dated 14th Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.; Lieut. W. Easten, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 14th Oct.), and is granted the rank of Capt. The following Lieuts. resign their commsns. (dated 14th Oct.), and retain their rank:—A. W. Angus, C. S. Dickinson, E. N. Emmerson, W. Goodall, G. Reive, L. Surfleet.

6th Batt.—H. Stott, M.C. (Lieut., ret. pay, Reg. Army), to be Qrmr., with the rank of Lieut. (dated 13th May).

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. A. Fotheringham to be Lieut. (dated 29th Nov., 1919).

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. F. Carter to be Lieut. (dated 11th March).

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. W. H. Lowther to be Lieut. (dated 9th April).

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TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Lieut. R. W. H. Lowther, from 7th North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 11th Aug.) (substituted for that which appeared in *Gazette* 10th Aug.).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The relinquishment of his commsn. by tempy. 2nd-Lieut. C. N. Corlett notified in *Gazette* of 15th Jany., 1918, is cancelled. Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. C. N. Corlett to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 2nd Dec., 1917); tempy. Lieut. C. N. Corlett relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 16th Jany., 1918), and retains the rank of Lieut.

The notification regarding tempy. 2nd-Lieut. D. Martin in *Gazette* 17th Jany., 1919, is cancelled; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. D. Martin resigns his commsn. on appt. to R.A.F. (dated 22nd June, 1918).

52nd Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. E. Common, M.C., North. Fusrs. (Ser. Batt.), relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to cmnd. a Coy. (dated 22nd April).

Tempy. Lieut. J. E. Common, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 8th Aug.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. J. N. Hall relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd Feby.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. H. Atkinson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th July), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. I. Stayman relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th Oct.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. B. Wallace relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th Oct), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. E. Wilkinson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th Oct.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Maj. E. S. Armstrong relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Oct.), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Lieut. A. B. Sackett, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Oct.), and is granted the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. J. McDonald relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. H. Graham relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Capt. A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 22nd Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Maj. A. E. Kerr, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 28th Oct.), and retains the rank of Maj.; tempy. Capt. G. V. Douglas, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 28th Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 28th Oct.), and retain the rank of Lieut.:—A. A. L. Baillie, J. L. Donnelly, G. A. Sutherland. Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. Hon. E. C. Crofton relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 28th Oct.), and retains the rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Capt. R. Clibborn relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 26th Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Capt. A. T. W. Paine relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 26th Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Maj. J. T. Gracie relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 27th Oct.), and retains the rank of Maj.; tempy. Capt. W. P. Simm relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 27th Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.

Tempy. Maj. W. K. Maclachlan, D.S.O., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd Oct.), and retains the rank of Maj.; tempy. Capt. N. E. Robson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Capt. S. C. Wells relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. W. A. Reid relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd Oct.), and is granted the rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. A. E. Gregg relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.; tempy. Lieut. M. R. Hull relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

1st Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Capt. B. L. Sutcliffe relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 12th Oct.), and retains the rank of Capt.

3rd Home Serv. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. J. T. Melville relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 20th Oct.), and retains the rank of Lieut.

3rd Home Serv. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Maj. R. Murray, D.C.M., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 23rd Oct.), and retains the rank of Maj.

Obituary.

MR. P. S. FLINTER, LATE BANDSMAN, 5TH FUSILIERS.

We regret to learn of and to have to record the death of Mr. P. S. Flinter, late Bandsman of the Regiment, which took place under tragic circumstances in April last at Pembroke, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Flinter and his two little sons were suffocated

MR. P. S. FLINTER AND HIS SONS, MERVILL AND BRIAN.

by fire at their home. Mr. Flinter joined the 1st Battalion in May, 1888. He served through the Soudan Campaign, 1898, and the South African War. He was a popular soldier in the Regiment and a good sportsman, taking a place both in Regimental Football and Cricket XI.'s. He served in the Regi-

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ment for 14¼ years. When the Great War broke out he at once joined the 2nd Batt. Canadian Infantry on the 11th August, 1914, and was given the rank of Sergeant within a month. He crossed to France with the 1st Contingent in 1915 and was wounded at Longemark where he won the D.S.M. on St. George's Day. He was invalided to Canada and made C.S.M. as soon as he was fit. He then volunteered to go to Siberia with the 259th Canadians, whose R.S.M. he became, returning home May, 1919. His record is one of which we are sure all 5th Fusiliers will be proud to learn. We are glad to hear from Mr. Dencer, to whom we are indebted for the above photograph of Mr. Flinter and his two boys, Mervill and Brian (who perished with him in the fire) that he was laid to rest with full military honours as so fine a soldier and a man should be. To his widow, who by this catastrophe has lost all her family, we tender our very heartfelt sympathy.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

In view of the fact that many of us have been recalled from leave, one might reasonably expect to feel a slight atmosphere of gloom about the place, but it is not so. On the contrary everyone seems to be more than usually cheerful, in spite of the fact that the miners are doing all they can to make England unbearable.

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Football (Soccer) is in full swing, and the hockey season, too, is beginning to make itself felt (in every sense of the word). Ere long we hope to be able to produce a reasonably good Rugger XV.

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To talk "shop" for a minute, most of our mornings and many of our afternoons are spent on the range, firing apparently unending parties of casuals, and putting our Lewis Rifle Sections through their paces. And now that we find ourselves so comparatively strong again owing to the return of those on leave, we have taken to starting the day with an Adjutant's Drill.

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The Government shoot has not been an unqualified success, owing more to the wildness of the birds than to the lack of them. However, it has given us an excuse for a walk, and being thoroughly optimistic, we refuse to be despondent just because the birds will not let us get within the regulation distance.

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Innumerable orders have been issued from time to time that liason must be established between ourselves and the Officers of our affiliated Batteries, and as far as one can see this system can safely be reported as bordering on perfection.

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The Boxing Tournament for the Hart Cups and the Hart Shield took place at the end of last month, most of the fights being very keenly contested. It was rather pleasing to note, too, what a large number of novices came to the fore, often putting up really good fights against some of our more seasoned warriors. In the individual competitions there were no entries for the Welter and Middle-Weights, but the Light and Feather-Weights showed some good sport. In the Light-Weights Pte. Hewart beat Pte. Hirst in the final, the latter putting up an extremely plucky fight. The Feather-Weight Competition was won by Pte. Overton from Pte. Vinbon after a very sporting fight.

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The Hart Shield was won by Y Coy. with 15 points, X Coy. being second with 13 points. The success of Y Coy. was very largely due to the sporting way in which novices came forward to fill up the team.

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The following represented Y Coy.:—

Feather-Weight.—Ptes. Ball and Dunbar.

Light-Weight.—Ptes. Hirst and Brows.

Welter-Weight.—Ptes. Cummins and Wild.

Middle-Weight.—Drum-Maj. Hebbron and Cpl. Richardson.

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And now a word about the Hart Shield and the Hart Cups. The late Capt. Hart left a sum of money to be spent in the interests of the 1st Battalion, and in view of the fact that he was a great lover of boxing, it was decided to spend this money in the purchase of a shield for the winning Company and cups for winning individuals in boxing. In each case the names of the winning team or individual are inscribed on the trophy. This year is, of course, the first occasion on which either the shield or cups have been fought for.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Lieut. R. Alexander, M.M., having embarked for West Africa, is struck off the strength, dated 29th September.

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Arrivals.

Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.C., M.B.E., is restored to Establishment, dated 1st October.

Capt. A. P. Garnier, M.C., M.B.E., joined the Battalion for duty, dated 1st October, 1920.

2nd-Lieut. P. H. Earle, attached to Battalion pending embarkation to join the 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers.

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Departures.

No. 64121 Cpl. F. Smith, Discharged 12/10/20.

No. 4256948 C.S.M. A. Graham, Posted to 7th Batt. (T.F.) Northumberland Fusiliers 5/10/20.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

There is little of importance to report this month. Quite a large number of the members of the Mess proceeded on furlough at the commencement of the month, only to be recalled owing to the coal strike.

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From the remarks passed by those who have been recalled it would appear that Mr. Smillie is a gentleman who would receive a "warm" welcome should he favour the Mess with a visit.

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Since our last notes appeared we have lost from the Mess a very old member in C.S.M. (Cog.) Graham, who has left to join the Permanent Staff of the Territorial Force at Alnwick.

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We are sorry to lose him and he takes with him the best wishes of all members of the Mess for the future. Still, although he has left us, we hope that he will not forget that whenever he can pay a visit, we shall be pleased to see him.

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The President and Committee of the Mess are to be congratulated on their efforts to make the Mess more home-like. The result of the recent purchases have certainly produced an atmosphere of comfort that has been sadly lacking for a considerable time.

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We welcome the arrival of C.S.M. (Dixie) Lee and note with satisfaction that he has already made himself at home.

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A Garrison Billiard Tournament is about to commence, in which we are hoping to make a very creditable performance. It is hoped to publish the results from month to month in these notes.

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The Annual Tournament for the Mess Billiard Cup is at present in full swing. The surprises have been many and although the ultimate winner appears to be certain, the interest in the various contests is still maintained. A full result of the contest will appear next month.

OFFICERS' MESS, MOSUL.

MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
11th August, 1920.

Mesopotamia and the oil-fields of Mosul have figured largely in the press during the last few weeks and below we give an account of the incident at Tel-a'-Far, where Lieut. Clive Smith and four men of the Regiment were killed. At present the situation at Mosul is quiet though on the Euphrates fighting has been going on intermittently during the last six weeks. The situation has now, however, become more quiet down in those parts and additional troops have been sent from India.

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At the end of May rumours reached Mosul that a force of Sheriffian troops, estimated at 500 strong, were approaching Tel-a'-Far, a town of about 8,000 inhabitants, situated 40 miles West of Mosul within the British Administrative zone.

It was further reported that their intention was to raise the tribes and attack Mosul. On the 3rd June Lieut. Clive Smith, attached 14th Light Armoured Motor Battery, with two armoured cars and four Ford cars carrying spare parts, left Mosul at 4 a.m. to reconnoitre the road towards Tel-a'-Far. As he failed to return an aeroplane was sent out and reported that one car was on fire outside the town and the remainder of the cars were apparently derelict inside.

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Reports were also received that Tel-a'-Far had risen and that the Political Officer, Gendarme Officer and three other white men had been murdered. On the 5th June a punitive column of all arms, under command of Lieut.-Col. Sarel, 11th (K.E.O.) Bengal Lancers, was sent out, to which Capt. Baxter was appointed Brigade Major. The only opposition the column met with was on the 8th June when from 4.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. a running fight ensued for over 10 miles. The column had one man and three horses wounded and the enemy is believed to have sustained 19 casualties.

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On the 9th June Tel-a'-Far was reached and found to be practically deserted. Lieut. Clive Smith and both Political Officers were found dead, together with Lieut. Clive Smith's crew.

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For three days as much damage as possible was inflicted on the town and the houses of four of the chief men were blown up. Large quantities of grain were destroyed and all stacks and crops within five miles of the town. In addition, all furniture, clothing, doors, etc., in the houses were burnt. The column returned unmolested on the 14th June.

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On the 28th June another column was sent to Tel-a'-Far to re-establish the Political Officer and also to garrison the town. Capt. Baxter again went out for a fortnight as Staff Officer to this force.

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Since then Capt. Carter, 11th Lancers, and six of his men were treacherously killed near Tel-a'-Far by a section of the Shammar whilst a conference between the Shammar Chief and the Political Officer was taking place.

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August has been the hottest month here but towards the end of the month there is reported to be a very perceptible fall in the temperature. The sand-fly has been rather more active lately and quite a number of us have had a dose of sand-fly fever but thanks in a great degree to a very vigilant Medical Officer the health of the Battalion has, on the whole, been excellent.

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A list of moves for the forthcoming trooping season has been published but as the Regiment is not mentioned it is presumed that the Battalion will remain in Mesopotamia for another year. This is a great disappointment as we had hoped to move to India this trooping season.

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till the end of September. Maj. Stephen is also there as Camp Commandant of the 18th Division, whilst Maj.

THE HOUSE OF ABDUR RAKHMAN EFFENDI.
(From a photo by Capt. E. H. Baxter.)

Foster left us on the 31st July for temporary duty as D.A.Q.M.G. at G.H.Q., Baghdad.

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On the 24th July we held swimming races in the Tigris and the results are given below. There is an exceptionally strong current in the river and swimming 100 yards up and down stream is no mean performance. Prizes for the winners of these races were presented by the Commanding Officer:—

1st Race: 100 Yards up and 100 Yards down Stream.—1st, Pte. Cosgrove, D Coy.; 2nd, Cpl. Turnbull, D Coy.; 3rd, Lce.-Cpl. Holt, A Coy. Time: 4min. 57sec. Ten starters.

2nd Race: 50 Yards up and 50 Yards down Stream.—1st, Pte. Allen, A Coy.; 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Phipps, D Coy.; 3rd, Cpl. Salt, A Coy. Time: 2min. 40sec. 11 starters.

3rd Race: 100 Yards up Stream.—1st, Pte. Green, A Coy.; 2nd, Lce.-Cpl. Holt, A Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Bradford, D Coy. Time: 3min. 42sec. Five starters.

4th Race: 50 Yards up Stream.—1st, Pte. Briers, A Coy.; 2nd, Pte. Allen, A Coy.; 3rd, Pte. Stirling, C Coy. Time: 1min. 9sec. Eleven starterss.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Having "nihill desperandum-ed" for merely a week or so, we are now bowed down with the knowledge that yet another summer must be spent on this side of the Persian Gulf. What have we done to deserve this? It is not our intention to pose as dismal Jimmies, but it is a great disappointment to us.

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Following our victory at cricket over the Officers, we added to our laurels a win from the Corporals, whom we downed by 37 runs. Unfortunately, 05.00 hours on Thursday—a general holiday—*is* rather early to rise, so the cricket team had been temporarily disbanded to enable the players to retrieve their lost beauty sleep. According to various reports, some of the members are not backward at this by any means.

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The West Kent Hill Poultry Farm Association, Ltd., is, we understand, the most flourishing concern in Mosul, and if appearances are not deceptive, we most certainly concur. It is understood that in response to the many demands of C.S.M. W—— three birds were slaughtered for gormandising purposes, and we hear that on investigating the interior of one hen, a complete egg was found. We hope that this wicked destruction of fruitful goods will in future curb S.M. W.'s appetite.

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What is a dog? Having searched through numerous dictionaries still we can find no satisfactory answer. Judging from the specimens on view in the immediate vicinity of the barracks, a dog may be anything from a mouse to a leopard. Our own definition is short and sweet —"A d——n nuisance." A not by any means uncommon sight is that of C.Q.M.S. "B" being diligently followed by three of the above, effectively disguised as a fox terrier, a black-and-tan terrier and a demi-semi-greyhound respectively, all of which appear to be suffering from sleeping sickness. We sincerely sympathise with their keeper who probably is training them for racing purposes. Still, in spite of their diminutive sizes, it is whispered that they are mainly responsible for the prevention of theft of water from the fire buckets in camp by local canine pests. In passing we should like to state that the massive brute owned by the Provost Sergeant has had many escapes from a sad ending and it is not unlikely to come to an early grave one fine day (Sgt "F." take note).

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We hope that by next month we shall have commenced to regain some of our lost weight, taken from us by the

2ND BATTALION CAMP AT MOSUL.
(From a photo by Maj. E. S. Swaine.)

gradual rendering down of surplus flesh and owing to the heat of a Mesopotamian summer.

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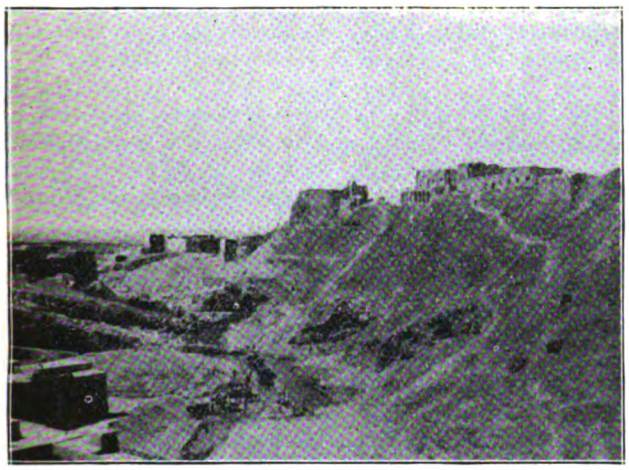
CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

At last we have started, now we're here we intend to



FORT KUT, TEL-A'-FAR, WHERE POLITICAL OFFICERS WERE KILLED.
(From a photo by Capt. E. H. Baxter.)

stay. Firstly we might add, that had it not been for the joyful discovery that we budding Corporals were included in the circle of correspondents to the *Gazette*, we would in all probability be still keeping our highly polished brains in their cases.

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We will now direct our attentions, Mr. Editor, to giving our readers a brief summary of our doings since our arrival in the country.

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Our Mess at present is situated in the Barracks, and is quite comfortable, having had undue hardships in obtaining furniture, etc., which has been a hard task, but the patronage it receives daily is proof positive that it is satisfactory to all concerned. During the past winter months Whist Drives were indulged in, and proved so successful that they became a twice weekly occurrence.

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The approach of the dry weather finished the Whist Drives, and outdoor sport came into its own, and up to the time of writing has remained supreme. Our readers will see by previous *Gazettes* that the Mess has figured favourably in all sport.

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St. George's Day, which was held on the 24th, so as to prevent a clash with the festivities of the day previous, was held right royally as becomes all Fusiliers. From early morning till late at night the Mess was patronised. Through the kindness of the C.O. meals were served throughout the day in the Mess. A smoking concert was organised by a few industrial members who also helped to decorate the Mess with garlands of roses, bunting, etc., and erecting an impromptu platform.

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Cpl. Young (Band Corporal) kindly obliged the Mess with a small orchestra, which was greatly appreciated, and added to the enjoyment of the evening. Invitations were sent to the Commanding Officer, Second-in-Command and Officers of the Battalion, who all kindly accepted the invitations and honoured us with their presence during the concert. The function finished about 10.30 p.m., the Band closing with the March Past so well known to all Fusiliers, followed by the National Anthem.

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The summer has found us with a fairly good Cricket Team and up to the time of writing has only suffered one defeat. Much credit is due to Cpls. Finnamore and Richardson for their energetic performances, thereby rendering us valuable service.

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Our first match, Sergeants *v.* Corporals, ended in our one and only defeat by 37 runs, nevertheless we are feeling confident of victory in the return match.

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The next match was Officers *v.* Corporals and here we made up for lost time by adding our first victory for the season. The outstanding feature during this match was the astonishing performance put up by Cpl. Finnamore who accomplished the feat of obtaining 108 runs not out. Needless to say, we ran out winners in rather comfortable style, but we wish our honourable opponents better luck next time.

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The cricket season is now fast drawing to a close, and Football and Hockey will soon be occupying our minds. We shall, when the hour comes, present an obstacle not easily passed over; our laurels will have some more victories to be added to them.

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Having completed this brief summary of our doings, we will now close. More of our doings will be heard of at a later period.

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N.B.—Since writing the above, we have met "A" Coy's. crack team at cricket and managed to make a draw.

THE BRIDGE OF BOATS, MOSUL.
(From a photo by the Rev. J. H. Pearce, C.F.)

Particulars will, no doubt, be sent by the Sports Committee.

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2ND BATTALION NOTES.

MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
18th September, 1920.

During the last month we have been very much cut off from the world and until yesterday we had received no mail of any description for nearly a month. This has been due to the troublesome behaviour of the Arabs who have persistently damaged the railway line between Baghdad and Shergat and have even attacked armoured trains. However, with the arrival of strong reinforcements from India we hope that the Valley of the Euphrates will soon be in a more quiet state and that the Arabs will be taught a severe lesson. The situation at Mosul remains quiet at present though a small mobile column left Mosul on the 11th for Erbil where trouble was brewing. From reports received it appears that the Assyrians have accounted for a good many Kurds who attacked the former and it is hoped that this will quiet things down.

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Our Brigade Commander (Brig.-Gen. F. Nightingale, C.M.G., D.S.O., C.I.E.) has now returned from leave and made an inspection of our camp and barracks on the 6th September. With B Coy. still at Karind and a large number of Officers and N.C.O.'s away on various jobs, the Battalion is almost reduced to half strength.

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A Coy., under Capt. Baxter, proceeds to Abu Saif on the 19th for a fortnight's training in Perimeter Camp where they will carry out exercises in mountain warfare and escorting convoys. The escorting of convoys in this country eats up a large number of troops as the Arab is always on the *'qui vive* for a convoy raid.

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There has been a very decided drop in the temperature this month and the weather is getting much pleasanter. The shooting season opened on the 1st September but so far there are only sand grouse and pigeon to be shot. A party of five of us accounted for 28 brace of sand grouse close by here on the left bank of the Tigris last week. As no one is allowed to go more than a mile from barracks without an escort, shooting is somewhat hampered.

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We have all been very much elated at the news received about a fortnight ago that we are to go to India this trooping season. Rumour is very rife as to what station we are going, though the various contractors in India persist in telling us that we are going to Calcutta but nothing is known yet. The prospect of another year in Mesopotamia was not a pleasing thought to any of us, though perhaps Mosul is the best station in the country.

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[*Owing to pressure on our space the Cricket scores are held over till next issue.*]

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of one of our old members, Sgt. G. E. Agonbar. "Aggie," as he was familiarly known, enlisted in the 2nd Battalion at Dover in 1908. He was transferred to the 1st Battalion in India and remained with the 1st Battalion until they returned home in 1913, when he was handed over to the 2nd Battalion. He came home with the 2nd Battalion in 1914 and went to France with them in 1915. He remained with the 2nd Battalion right through the war and returned to England once only, in 1918, when he was wounded at Le Catelet. When the Battalion came abroad in September, 1919, Aggie was at a course of instruction at Hythe, but he joined us in January of this year.

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He was a great favourite in the Mess on account of his quaint and dry humour, and his absence is very noticeable. After a short illness, he died in the Military Hospital, Mosul, on the 20th August, and was buried the following day in the cemetery near our camp.

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Another eventful month has come and gone but we are wiser men. We find that "patience is its own reward." Friends, Romans and countrymen, blend with me your happy voices. We have it on good authority that India *will* see us this trooping season. How the oracle has been worked we know not—perhaps a little seed sown on previously barren ground has brought forth good fruit. Who knows! However, we go down on our knees and offer our eternal salaams to the responsible person. We are not too sanguine as to the immediate proximity of our exodus from Mosul, various obstacles appearing in the light. Nevertheless, that we are going to move is the main consideration, and we can now hold our heads and face the future. We hope that several of our members at present away on Staff Appointments ranging from Camp Sergt.-Majors to W.O. i/c This and That will soon be with us again to swell our depleted numbers.

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During the past few weeks we have been indulging in various card games to while away the time, and our Games Committee have very successfully arranged tournaments of Whist, Bridge, Cribbage, "Phat" (no one seems to be able to give the correct spelling of this word), Chess and Draughts. These competitions have resulted in some peculiar sights. Many members have forgone their afternoon *siestas* to play off heats, etc., and the lack of work on Thursdays and Sundays has been only too emphasised. Entrance fees of Rs. 1 per competition were levied and, needless to say, every member has had great anxiety to win a prize. The winners of the first of these tournaments were as follows:—

Whist.—1st prize, Rs. 14, Sgts. Dickinson and Tissington; 2nd prize, Rs. 6, C.S.M. Johnston and Sgt. Fitzgerald.

Cribbage.—1st prize, Rs. 10, Sgt. Croft; 2nd prize, Rs. 6, R.S.M. Crabtree.

"Phat."—Prize Rs. 16, C.S.M. Hiorns and Sgt. Woodhead.

Bridge.—Prize Rs. 12, R.S.M. Crabtree and C.Q.M.S. Hobson.

Chess.—Prize Rs. 8, Sgt. Croft.

Draughts.—1st prize, Rs. 7, Sgt. Tissington; 2nd prize, Rs. 3, Sgt. Dickinson.

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The second tournament was equally as successful and the results are appended below:—

Cribbage.—1st prize, Rs. 12, Staff-Sgt. Adams; 2nd prize, Rs. 5, R.S.M. Crabtree.

Whist.—1st prize, Rs. 12, C.S.M. Watts and Sgt. Fitzgerald; 2nd prize, Rs. 8, Sgts. Towns and Moore.

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Bridge.—Prize Rs. 16, Sgts. Woodhead and Potts.
"*Phat.*"—1st prize, Rs. 12, C.S.M. Hiorns and Sgt. Fitzgerald; 2nd prize, Rs. 6, C.Q.M.S. West and Sgt. Tissington.
Chess.—Prize Rs. 5, C.S.M. Watts.
Draughts.—Prize Rs. 7, Sgt. Tissington.

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To cap matters, on the 15th of this present month, we held a Whist Drive which was so successful that we consider a frequency of these essential. Our "temporary" ladies proved highly fascinating, and Mrs. Watts and Mrs. Vernon were undoubtedly the belles of the evening. The first prize was won by a gentleman, but the remainder were commandeered by ladies.

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Results were:—1st prize, Sgt. Griffiths (gentleman); 2nd prize, C.S.M. Watts (Mrs.); 3rd prize, C.S.M. Johnston (Miss); 4th prize, Sgt. Dickinson (Mrs.); Booby, R.S.M. Crabtree (Miss).

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The booby prize appeared in the shape of a box full of odd assortments of clothing, straw, paper and fragments of ancient days, and when the prize itself was unearthed, it appeared in the form of a very stable-looking watch. We congratulate the prize winners on their success.

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A laughable sight during the evening was that of one or two *ladies* exchanging tables, whisky and sodas in hand. This, surely, must create a precedent.

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We completed our cricket season with a return match against the Corporals, whom we beat by 8 wickets and 11 runs. We have had no opportunity of adding to our laurels at the expense of the Officers as teams are so difficult to find in these days of strife. However, when next season finds us in India, *we shall see.*

DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
26th October, 1920.

There is little to record this month. The coal strike which, as we despatched our notes last month, was in abeyance is now upon us, and with it the continued "Summer" scale of fuel remains. On enquiry at the Temple of the Q.M. we are informed that a "Tropical" scale is under consideration, to be succeeded by a scale based on a still hotter locality if the strike lasts. We all hope that the beginning of next month will see a settlement.

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A Branch of the National Savings Association has been started with Maj. Heyder as Hon. Treasurer, and Sgt.-Maj. Ouzman as Hon. Secretary. An arrangement whereby 20/- can be bought for 15/6 has much to commend it, and it is hoped that the "queue" on pay days for the purpose will be long ones.

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There has been quite a long spell of fine weather, and the sun has actually shone in Newcastle on two or three occasions, but the fog generally won in the end. Golf has, however, been played in the densest fog by the expedient of one player wearing a steel helmet and carrying a fog horn proceeding to the hole and hooting.

Football is in full swing. The Depôt Team in the local Wednesday League has not been so successful as was hoped, but has suffered a good deal from mishaps. A League Competition in the Northern Command is shortly to start for teams from Depôts composed of recruits under twelve weeks' service. We also propose to start an Inter-Squad League. These, with a series of matches between Officers, W.O.'s, Sergeants and Corporals, should keep our winds good and our shins hard till the cricket season comes round again. The Gharial Flat which we have been building is now in use, and though the grass is long, and a player can fall *off* the ground at one corner, we thoroughly enjoy ourselves on it, particularly as it is the result in part of our own labours, and has cost practically nothing.

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The following have extended the terms of the present engagement as follows:—

No. 4256748 Sgt.-Maj. G. H. Groves, to complete 21 years with the Colours.
„ 4256464 Cpl. T. Scott, to complete 12 years with the Colours.
„ 4257172 Act.-Sgt. G. Couse, to complete 21 years with the Colours.
„ 4257248 Lce.-Cpl. W. C. Y. J. Dyke, to complete 21 years with the Colours.

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DEPARTURES.

No. 4256426	Cpl. F. Dixon, to A Reserve	29/ 9/20
„ 4256427	Pte. W. Leach, to A Reserve	29/ 9/20
„ 4258056	C.S.M. H. Duncan, Discharged on completion of 21 years' service	4/10/20
„ 4256010	R.S.M. W. T. Travill (attd. 4th Battalion (T.F.)), Dispersed pending discharge on completion of 21 years' service	11/10/20
„ 4256470	Sgt. A. C. Fenemore, Discharged no longer fit for service	11/10/20

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We have heard with regret of the death, on the 20th August, 1920, at Mosul, Mesopotamia, of Sgt. G. E. Agonbar, 2nd Battalion. Old members of the FIFTH will remember him for his cheery disposition and ability. News is to hand that he died after a very short illness with chronic dysentery.

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He embarked with the 2nd Battalion from India in 1914 and served continuously without a break during the whole of the war with the 2nd Battalion.

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One of the most respected of Fusiliers, we tender our sympathy to the W.O.'s and Sergeants of the 2nd Battalion in their great loss.

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We also have to announce the death of the late Sgt. Worth, another of the old Fusiliers, who, until his death, was employed as a Canteen Steward in the Depôt Canteen under the N.A.C.B.

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He, too, was a much respected Fusilier, always of cheery disposition, popular, and the cause of much merriment on all occasions in the Sergeants' Mess. He died after a long illness.

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The members of the Sergeants' Mess subscribed for a wreath, which was placed on his grave.

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To his relatives we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

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4TH BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
26th October, 1920.

The month has been very uneventful, hence the shortness of notes.

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A Ball was held by the Prudhoe Coy. on the 22nd, and was attended by the Commanding Officer and several other Officers. It proved most enjoyable, and the Committee, of which C.S.M. Wind was President, are to be complimented on the success of their work.

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Inter-Company rivalry is begininng to appear, challenges are being issued and received by the Companies, and Football matches, etc., are being arranged. It is hoped to publish the result of the meetings in our next notes.

5TH BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,
20th October, 1920.

Musketry continues to be the predominant feature of our training just now and strenuous endeavours are being made to finish off the season in good time. Since our last notes Ponteland has been visited twice, the "culminating" effort being reached on Sunday when a swift "descent" upon the Range enabled the "nucleus" of B Coy. to "locate" the mark and "localise" the remaining shots to the last Company, C Coy.

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The journey to and from the Range in motor char-a-bancs and an excellent tea fare provided by the Range Warden was not in the least an unimportant item in the day's shoot.

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The dance evenings organised by the Entertainment Committee of the Sergeants' Mess have proved a great success, being very largely attended, and voted enjoyable.

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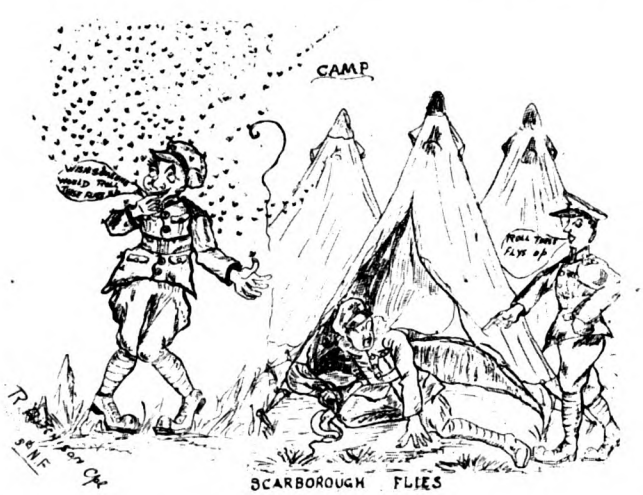
A new piano and additional tasty fittings is a good sign



for future developments of the Mess and savours of sound business ideas together with a genuine pride and ambition.

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A Tournament has been arranged to complete the harmony existant in the Mess and we hope to publish the result in the next number.

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The Wallsend and Whitley Detachments have had several

Back Row:—Sgts. Griggs, Piper, Sawyers, Downie and Taylor.
1st Row:—Sgts. Black, Watson, D.C.M., Burford, D.C.M., M.M., Burford, Bell, Douglas, C.Q.M.S. Kennedy, Sgts. Keegans, Smith and Sgt.-Dmr. Maughan.
2nd Row:—Sgts. Park, Smith, Crozier, C.Q.M.S. Brooks, C.Q.M.S. Pearce, Sgts. Bly, Brown, Wilson and Coxon.
3rd Row:—C.S.M. Gadsdon, C.S.M. Coppick, C.S.M. Beck, M.M., Maj. P. P. Phillips, R.S.M. Mellors, Lieut.-Col. Arnold Irwin, D.S.O., Capt. and Adjt. J. D. Butler, M.B.E., C.S.M. Poole, C.S.M. Fletcher, D.C.M., C.S.M. Nesbit and C.S.M. Dixon, M.M.
Front Row:—R.Q.M.S. Jude and Sgt.-Dmr. G. Maughan, senr.

pleasant evenings of late and it is on record that the nine members of Wallsend Sergeants' Mess are born illusionists with an extraordinary capacity in certain directions.

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The Permanent Staff at all the Halls are busy on "Field Days" amongst the kits—and the collecting and marking is absorbing considerable time and patience.

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We offer our apologies to the Editor for our somewhat belated notes of last month, and an early start this month is, we hope, a good omen for our future good behaviour in this direction.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
25th October, 1920.

Since our last notes were penned there have been two Re-unions of members and ex-members, and very successful and enjoyable both have been. At Berwick on the 25th September there was an attendance of 150, presided over by Maj. H. R. Smail, as O.C. of one of the Berwick Companies at the outbreak of war. Supporting him were Col. Sir F. D. Blake, C.B., M.P. (Chairman of the County Association), the C.O., Lieut.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. W. B. Mackay, C.M.G., T.D. (formerly our M.O.), Capts. Hon. W. Watson-Armstrong, F. B. Cowen, M.C., E. H. Crow, E. H. Watson, D. Hebenton and J. E. Carr (Sherwood Foresters), Lieuts. A. C. A. Steven

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and J. H. Huffam. Following an excellent supper the toasts of "The King" and "The Glorious Dead" were proposed by the Chairman and appropriately honoured. A programme consisting of songs and a few toasts was then entered upon, the following contributing to the harmony:—Ptes. Renwick, Cooney, Warner, P. Richardson, Goodlet, of the Fusiliers, ex-Sgt. Moor, K.O.S.B., Mr. Law, and Berwick Pipe Band, the skirl of the latter being reserved for the concluding item.

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Col. Sir Francis Blake, in proposing the toast of the Battalion, spoke of the lustre the deeds of the men of the 7th Batt. had added to the traditions of the old Regiment in the late war. He urged those present not to under estimate a beaten enemy and said he was still of opinion that it was the duty of every citizen to give some form of military service to his country. Though they must organise for peace they must also keep their powder dry. What had struck him most that evening was the splendid spirit prevailing throughout the Company and he supposed that was a reflex of the whole Battalion. It was splendid to be told by the men that the Battalion has the best Officers in the world, and it was equally splendid to have the Officers telling him that the men are the finest men which any Officer could wish to command. With that spirit it was no wonder that the Battalion was almost at the head of the list for the whole Northumbrian Division. "Now you have a great record in the war, a fine recruiting record, you are a jolly lot of fellows, and you have the best Colonel in the world," concluded Sir Francis, amid a storm of cheering.

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Col. Wright, who had a magnificent reception, replied, thanking Sir F. Blake for his flattering remarks. In the course of his speech he caused much amusement by referring to the doings of Berwick Coy. in Scarborough Camp. They were an extraordinary lot in this way that they cried to everyone: "Whae are ye?" he said. (A voice: "Big Aggie's Man.") Touching on more serious matters Col. Wright said he would never rest till the Drill Halls were improved and proper clubs were established in each Company area. It was his intention, too, to carry on as long as he possibly could in the service of his country, a declaration which was cheered to the echo.

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Col. Mackay proposed "The Visitors," to which Capt. Watson-Armstrong replied, and the second re-union, which was voted by all to be a huge success, came to a close about 11.15. Great credit is due to the Joint Secretaries, C.Q.M.S. G. Douglas and Sgt. H. G. Patterson, for the excellent arrangements made.

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At the Bedlington Detachment (Morpeth Coy.'s) function, Capt. Brown, M.C., presided, Col. Wright, Maj. Burdon (North. Hussars Yeomanry), Capts. G. McK. Jobling, E. H. Watson and W. Gregson being also present. A very large attendance of other ranks was present and the greatest of good humour prevailed. The Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts, which were enthusiastically responded to by the Company, and during the course of the evening Col. Wright and Maj. Burdon spoke, both making reference to the good relations which subsisted between the Units. The former expressed his gratitude for the splendid response Bedlington had made to the appeal for men for the Territorial Army. He was also pleased to see several old friends of the Fusiliers there that evening, some of whom were rather old to serve the Unit now but who had done good work for it in the past. Bandmaster Moor had arranged a capital programme and everyone made their way home hugely delighted with the evening's enjoyment. Since that night there have been requests that the event should be made an annual one.

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During the month recruiting has been proceeding steadily and satisfactorily but the miners' strike has caused us to suspend operations meanwhile. We hope, however, that "situation normal" will be the report soon. Meanwhile good results are reported from Amble.

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We have to welcome C.S.M. Graham, who joined the Permanent Staff from the 1st Battalion, this month. He has now settled down at Berwick, C.S.M. Matthews having been posted to Morpeth. Great disappointment was felt at the Border town at Sgt.-Maj. Matthews' departure but he had to go elsewhere as the quarters are unfit for a married couple. However, members of D Coy. are congratulating themselves now on having got such a good soldier to replace him in Sgt.-Maj. Graham.

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The dancing season, as far as the Unit is concerned, was opened on the 27th September, when the Alnwick Coy. gave the first of a series. It was a great success. The following ably officiated as M.C.'s:—Sgts. Donohoe, Robson, Edridge, M.C., Cpl. Adamson and Pte. R. Hetherington. Dancing was carried on from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The next dance will be held on the 29th October.

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The Sergeants' Mess at Alnwick is in the painters' hands and it is hoped shortly to open it.

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A movement is on foot to hold a re-union of past and present members at Alnwick early in December, and a Committee is being formed to make the necessary arrangements.

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Musketry has now been completed and from most areas comes the report that no likely Wallingford's have been discovered.

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We desire to thank Lady Armstrong, Cragside, Rothbury, through the medium of these columns, for her generosity in presenting the Battalion with a handsome silver cup for a football competition. It is probable that the trophy will be competed for by Platoons, the concluding rounds being played off during annual training.

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A Whist Drive and Dance is to be held on Tuesday, 9th November, under the auspices of the Berwick Coy.

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Maj. H. R. Smail and Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., were present at the most impressive ceremony of presenting a Border lance and pennon to Field Marshal Earl Haig, at St. Boswells, on the 9th October.

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Yesterday, at Tweedmouth, Capt. Hon. W. Watson Arm-

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strong unveiled the handsome memorial erected at Tweedmouth to men of that Parish who fell in the war. In doing so he paid a special tribute of esteem to the Tweedmouth men who had so loyally and cheerfully served with him in this Battalion. Col. Wright, who in 1914-15 commanded one of the Berwick Companies, also feelingly spoke of those days, of the sacrifices made and so bravely and proudly borne, and of his own pride on landing at Boulogne at having had the honour to command such soldiers as Tweedmouth had produced. D Coy. paraded under Capt. E. H. Crow to pay its last respects, and other Officers present at the ceremony were Col. Mackay and Capt. P. W. Maclagan, M.C., R.A.M.C., Maj. Smail and Lieut. Huffam. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by buglers from the Depôt, K.O.S.B., while the local Pipe Band was in attendance with the Company.

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The following promotions and appointments have been made in the Battalion:—

Headquarters.—A. Balmbra to be R.Q.M.S.; T. C. W. Bailey to be Sergeant (Drummer); J. R. Riddell to be Sergeant (Pioneer); G. W. Robinson to be Sergeant (Cook); M. Moor to be Sergeant (Stretcher Bearer) Band; L. Bell to be Sergeant (Officers' Mess); D. Hook to be Sergeant (Signalling); A. Middlemist to be Sergeant (Transport); J. Dixon to be Sergeant (Scout); A. Lyons to be Sergeant (Tailor); G. H. Clark to be Sergeant (acting Q.M.S., H.Q.); G. Pearson to be Sergeant (Orderly Room).

To be Corporals.—T. Laverick, A Coy. (M.O.'s Orderly); G. Bartholomew, A Coy. (Police); R. J. Best, C Coy. (Post); G. Scott, B Coy. (Officers' Mess).

Machine Gun Platoon.—H. Robertson and R. J. Swanston to be Sergeants; J. Shaw, A. Thompson and C. Bradford to be Corporals, all D Coy.

Promotions:—A (Morpeth) Coy.—To be C.S.M., W. E. Turner; to be C.Q.M.S., W. Sanderson; to be Sergeants, W. Gibson, G. O. Purves, J. Smith, J. Forster; to be Corporals, A. Howie, M.M., G. Donkin, R. Rogerson, R. Piper, B. Barras, G. Douglas and J. Dobson.

B (Ashington) Coy.—To be C.S.M., T. Maxwell; to be C.Q.M.S., F. Harding; to be Sergeants, S. Adamson, W. Stewart, T. E. Ritchell, M. McFadden; to be Corporals, G. Dunsmore, N. Simmons, J. C. Ronson, C. Campbell, G. Fotheringham and A. Bolton.

C (Alnwick) Coy.—To be C.S.M., T. Aitchison; to be C.Q.M.S., R. J. Turnbull; to be Sergeants, P. H. Eldridge, M.C., T. Brewis, W. Bell, D. McGowan; to be Corporals, J. Donohoe, F. C. Dean, J. F. McKenna and T. O'Brien.

D (Berwick) Coy.—To be C.S.M., T. H. Hall; to be C.Q.M.S., G. Douglas; to be Sergeants, H. G. Patterson, R. D. Richardson, J. Dryden and A. Temple, to be Corporals, R. Barnes, W. A. Scott, R. Weatherley, J. Thompson, T. Purves, W. O'Connor, O. W. Redpath and T. Burns.

Appointments:—A Coy.—To be paid Lance-Sergeants, Cpls. A. Howie and G. Donkin; to be paid Lance-Corporals, W. Banks, S. Mabon, R. Andrews, H. G. Kidd, W. J. Ferguson, R. J. Rogers, M. Regan, S. Stevenson, W. Howell and J. Lightfield.

B Coy.—To be paid Lance-Sergeants, J. G. Dunsmore and N. Simmons; to be paid Lce.-Corporals, R. Redford, J. L. Smith, J. Hunter, H. Lockhart, J. Cobbledick, J. Fotheringham, B. Mitchell, J. W. Dickenson, T. G. Smailes and R. P. Smith.

C Coy.—To be paid Lance-Sergeant, Cpl. J. Donohoe; to be unpaid Lance-Sergeant, F. E. Dean; to be paid Lance-Corporals, W. Allison, A. Plaice and A. Gray.

D Coy.—To be paid Lance-Sergeants, Cpls. R. Barnes and J. Shaw (M.G.); to be unpaid Lance-Sergeant, Cpl. W. A. Scott; to be paid Lance-Corporals, W. Wood, J. Lindsay, G. Gibson, W. Redpath and A. Arnott.

Promotions.—Lce-Cpl. Cobbledick, M.M., and Pte. R. Redford, B Coy., to be Corporals; Pte. H. Adamson, C Coy., to be Corporal.

Appointments.—Cpls. J. C. Ronson and C. Campbell, B Coy., to be unpaid Lance-Sergeants; Ptes. W. Todd and P. Downie to be paid Lance-Corporals; J. Bennett, M. Hudson, T. Wilkinson and S. McClean, B Coy., to be unpaid Lance-Corporals; Cpl. R. J. Best, C Coy., to be unpaid Lance-Sergeant.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
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NEAR WALLINGFORD,
30th October, 1920.

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BIRTHS.

PEARCE.—On the 17th September, 1920, at Byker, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to the wife of No. 4258616 C.Q.M.S. W. Pearce—a son.

COPPICK.—On the 19th October, 1920, at Walker-on-Tyne, to the wife of C.S.M. E. Coppick—a son.

MARRIAGE.

GORDON—SMITH.—On the 10th November, at St. Michael's, Thursley, Surrey, by the Rev. Lancelot Smith, father of the bride, assisted by the Rev. L. C. Wilkinson and the Rev. R. R. Pitter, Capt. Gerard Stafford Staveley Gordon, M.C., late Northumberland Fusiliers, only son of the late Col. W. Staveley Gordon, Royal Engineers, and of Mrs. Staveley Gordon, to Marjorie Eleanor Worsley, elder daughter of the Rev. Lancelot and Mrs. Smith.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

EMPLYD. UNDER DIRECTORATE OF ENGINEERING STORES (CL. FF).—And relinquishes tempy. rank of Capt.:—Tempy. Lieut. R. H. Van Hee, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 30th Sept.).

BRIG.-COMMDR.—Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Brig.-Gen. (dated 1st April, 1919).

The following appointments are made:—

DIV. COMMDRS.—Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., from 6th Aug., 1915, to 28th Mar., 1918; Bt.-Col. (tempy. Brig.-Gen.) (now Maj.-Gen.) T. H. Shoubridge, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (from 29th Mar., 1917, to 7th Feby., 1919).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The notification in *Gazette* 12th Oct. regarding resignation of his commsn. by Capt. and Bt.-Maj. C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., is cancelled.

Capt. and Bt.-Maj. C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., resigns his commsn. (dated 5th Nov.).

GENERAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., late Capt. and Bt.-Maj., North. Fusrs., to be Lieut.-Col. (dated 5th Nov.) (substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* 12th Oct.).

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following relinquish their commsns:—E. Wood (dated 1st April); and retains rank of Lieut.; 2nd Lieut. R. A. Lierneux (dated 1st April), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Lieut. A. Logan relinquishes his commsn. (dated 9th Aug.), and is granted the rank of Capt. (substituted for the notification in the *Gazette* of 20th Sept.).

Lieut. H. Donald (since relinquished commsn.), ceases to be emplyd. with the Ind. Army (dated 3rd Oct., 1919).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. H. Owen-Flood to be Lieut. (dated 19th Nov., 1919).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. W. H. Middleton-Andrews to be Lieut. (dated 31st Jany.).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. W. Patrick to be Lieut. (dated 25th March).

5th Batt.—Capt. J. H. Swan, M.C., resigns his commsn. (dated 19th Nov.), and retains rank of Capt.

5th Batt.—Lieut. V. O. Hillyard resigns his commsn. (dated 6th Nov.), and retains rank of Lieut.

5th Batt.—Lieut. T. Lishman relinquishes the actg. rank of Capt. on ceasing to be emplyd. as a Coy. Officer, Reinforcement Training Camp (dated 14th Feby., 1919).

5th Batt.—Lieut. G. K. Lawton resigns his commsn. (dated 25th Nov.), and retains rank of Lieut.; Lieut. T. Lishman resigns his commsn. (dated 25th Nov.), and retains rank of Lieut.

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. H. Scowcroft to be Lieut.

6th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. F. M. Cooper, M.C., to be Lieut. (dated 1st Nov., 1919); 2nd-Lieut. E. Coppick to be Lieut. (dated 11th March).

6th Batt.—Capt. T. P. Parmeter, from T.F. Res., to be Capt. (dated 25th Nov.).

7th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. J. H. Huffam, late M.G.C., to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 20th Nov.).

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Capt. R. W. Cranage, from 4th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 3rd Nov.); Lieut. E. Todd, from 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 3rd Nov.); Lieut. A. Cowen, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 10th Nov.); 2nd-Lieut. J. Musgrove, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 10th Nov.); Capt. the Hon. W. J. M. Watson-Armstrong, from 7th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Capt. (dated 26th Nov.).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Maj. L. Permain relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 15th May), and retains rank of Maj. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 8th Sept., specifying date as 1st May). The following tempy. Capts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 2nd Nov.), and retain rank of Capt.:—W. S. Holbrook, M.C., A. W. McCluskey, M.C., A. E. Middleton. Tempy. Lieut. C. Morgan relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 30th Sept.), and is granted rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 2nd Nov.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—G. Hardy, G. P. Lefebre, M.C.

Tempy. Capt. R. B. Mitchell relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th Nov.), and retains rank of Capt. Tempy. Lieut. H. Green relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th Nov.), and retains rank of Lieut.

The following tempy. Capts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 3rd Nov.), and retain rank of Capt.:—G. S. S. Gordon, M.C., P. R. Jacobs, M.C., F. Nixon, A. A. Pocock, M.C., J. G. R. Scarff. Tempy. Lieut. A. M. Semple relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd Nov.), and retains rank of Lieut.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. H. W. Montgomery to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 18th June, 1919); tempy. Lieut. H. W.

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Montgomery relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 26th June, 1919), and retains rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 9th Aug., 1919).

Tempy. Capt. J. H. Gibson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 4th Sept.), and retains rank of Capt.

Tempy. Maj. E. A. Scott relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 10th Nov.), and retains rank of Maj. The following Tempy. Capts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 10th Nov.), and retain rank of Capt.:—E. M. Parkinson, M.C., A. J. B. Tanfield. Tempy. Lieut. J. H. Carswell, M.C., relnquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 10th Nov.), and is granted rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 10th Nov.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—D. G. Carnachan, R. H. Comley, A. A. Morris, M.C., T. C. Dodd. Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. H. Howson to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st Feby., 1919), with prec. next below W. Brigham.

Tempy. Capt. C. F. Mayos, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Nov.), and is granted rank of Maj. The following tempy. Capts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 19th Nov.), and retain rank of Capt.:—W. W. Raynham, F. J. Reidy. Tempy. Lieut. F. R. Pierson, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 19th Nov.), and is granted rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service from the dates specified, and retain rank of Lieut.:—G. J. Carrie (dated 17th July); J. T. Nuttall, N. P. Sellick, M.C. (dated 19th Nov.).

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Gray to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919); tempy. Lieut. A. Gray relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health contracted on active service (dated 3rd June, 1919), and retains rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 2nd June, 1919).

Tempy. Maj. H. S. Cole relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 27th Feby., 1919), and retains rank of Maj. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service from the dates specified, and retain rank of Lieut.:—H. E. Findley (dated 8th Oct.); W. H. O. Lucas, M.C., F. J. Smith, J. I. Willis (dated 11th Nov.).

Tempy. Capt. E. H. Lucette, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 16th Nov.), and retains rank of Capt.

Tempy. Lieut. R. C. Beaumont relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 13th Nov.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Tempy. Maj. I. G. C. Brady, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th Nov.), and retains rank of Maj.; tempy. Capt. E. G. Bowers, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th Nov.), and retains rank of Capt.; tempy. Lieut. N. S. Lees relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 9th Nov.), and is granted rank of Capt.; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. W. Harris to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 1st May, 1919); tempy. Lieut. W. Harris relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th May, 1919), and retains rank of Lieut.

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 26th Nov.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—J. L. Airley, A. Mackenzie; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. L. Baker, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 26th Nov.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. Darwent relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 25th Nov.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. G. A. MacRae, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th Nov.), and is granted rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 24th Nov.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—T. Gracie, H. H. Harrison.

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 27th Nov.), and retain the rank of Lieut.:—H. C. Ainsworth, H. Allinson, M.C., D. Arnold, E. G. Jeffreys, L. A. Taverner; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. J. W. Leslie relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 27th Nov.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

GARRISON BATTALION.

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut. R. H. Court relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd Nov.), and retains rank of Lieut.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

November, 1920.

This month has passed more or less uneventfully, and all those that were brought back sorrowing from their leave on account of the strike, have long since again departed to their happy homes, and must indeed already be thinking of returning to the fold.

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Hunting of a sort and shooting of a sort are still to be had by those who can find time to indulge in them, but these latter are few, on account of the leave season and the consequent scarcity of Officers. Football and Hockey, however, are still open to us all, and there have been many hardly contested games of each of these.

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Yet another Draft has been put under orders for the 2nd Battalion in Mesopotamia, and we are expecting to lose both these parties ere long.

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The district, one is glad to notice, is showing some signs of waking up, and has in fact broken out to the extent of giving one or two very enjoyable dances. Long may this state of affairs continue.

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On the 11th November we had a Brigade Parade, during which we observed the two minutes' silence.

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Once or twice a week all available Officers of the Bordon Garrison may be seen embarking on 'buses for Aldershot, where we have been hearing some first-rate lectures. It is true that we look rather like a party of commercial travellers on an outing (except that we dispense with the bottles and orange peel) but it is worth it; and nobody minds having their toes and noses frost-bitten as long as they can hear the words of wisdom that we undoubtedly do hear.

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Amongst these lectures were six given by Lieut.-Col. Luckock, C.M.G., D.S.O., on the war; one on the Campaign in Italy, by Lord Cavan, the new C.-in-C. Aldershot Command; and one by the I.G.S., Sir Henry Wilson, Bart. Our own winter lectures, too, have been in progress, the following Officers having already "functioned":—Capt. A. P. Garnier, on Northern Nigeria; Lieut. G. J. W. Gatehouse, on Signal Inter-Communication; and Lieut. K. A. Seth-Smith, on Aviation on the Western Front.

BOXING.

In the Group Inter-Unit Novices' Competition held here on the 4th and 5th November we entered two teams; one, Other Ranks; one, Enlisted Boys; each of which finished second in its class. This allowed them to enter for the Aldershot Command Inter-Unit Novices' Competition, held on the 15th November, in which the following represented the Battalion:—

Class B (Other Ranks).—Bds. Hacket, Welter-Weight; Pte. Bell, Light-Weight; Bds. Anderson, Bantam-Weight.

Class C (Boys).—Boy Stevenson, Light-Weight; Boy

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Atkinson, Feather-Weight; Boy Herd, Bantam-Weight; Boy Dunbar, Fly-Weight.

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In Class B, after the Medical Inspection and weighing in, we were left with three instead of seven competitors, which seriously handicapped us. However, those that were left, fought very well and managed to beat three of the other Units.

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Bds. Anderson fought particularly well, and got into the final after three hard fights, only being beaten by a very few points.

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In Class C we did much better, tying with three other Units for third place, there being ten Units competing. In this class Boy Stevenson fought his way into the final, but then had to give away too much weight and was beaten on points.

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It is hoped that in the competition at the beginning of next year the competitors will be in better form and succeed in carrying off the shield.

HOCKEY.

1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers *v.* 5th Brigade R.F.A. on the 2nd November; won 2—1.

FOOTBALL.

1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. East Surrey Regt., at Aldershot, on the 8th November; lost, 4—2.

1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. Irish Guards, at home, in 1st Round Army Cup, on the 15th November; won, 3—1.

1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. East Surrey Regt., at home, on the 17th November; lost, 4—2.

1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers *v.* 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers, at home, on the 20th November; lost, 5—2.

TEAM.—Bds. Purcell (*goal*); Lce.-Cpl. Poppiat and Q.M.S. Adlard (*backs*); Drm.-Maj. Brace, Sgt. Newton and Sgt. Walsh (*half-backs*); Bds. Benson, Sgt. Bartlett, Sgt. Calvert, Pte. Taylor, Bds. Obey (*forwards*). Pte. Radcliffe played in three matches, *vice* Bds. Obey, who could not play owing to an injury.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The 1920 Billiard Tournament is finished. Alas! for last month's prophecy. The "certain winner" failed to finish the course, and a new champion has arisen in our midst.

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Congratulations to C.S.M. Avery on winning the Cup. Right through the Tournament he played a steady, consistant game. Especially in the final round, when he beat Sgt. Grundy by 20 points. Here his steady game was more noticeable than in any previous game, and although for the greater portion of the game he was behind, he eventually beat his opponent.

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The previous games proved many thrills and one and all vote this year's Tournament a great success.

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At the time of writing these notes, we have only played one game in the Garrison Billiard League, which we won quite comfortably. Other games will be played during the next few weeks, and we are confident of being able to uphold the honour of the Fighting Fifth.

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Congratulations to Sgt. (Buck) Newton on being selected to play in the Aldershot Command Football Team against the United Services at Portsmouth.

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On the 4th instant we met the Officers at hockey and this time we managed to reverse the previous decision, winning by 5 goals to 1.

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Since our last notes appeared we have lost a further two old members in C.Q.M.S. Cole and Sgt. Warriner. Both have departed to the Territorial Force. We shall miss them, but we wish them the best of luck. C.Q.M.S. Cole will be very much missed from the Battalion Hockey Team, which loss we cannot very well afford just now.

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We desire to add to the sympathy extended to the 2nd Battalion on the loss of Sgt. G. E. Agonbar. While awaiting embarkation he was attached to the 1st Battalion here and we all remember him for his jovial ways and genial disposition.

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C.S.M. Starling has joined us from the Territorial Force. We extend him a very hearty welcome on his "migration" from the North for the winter months. No doubt that by the time the summer comes again he will not leave us. Anyhow, we hope not.

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As these will be the last notes prior to Christmas, and as the notes for the month of December have to be in the hands of the Editor during the Christmas Festival, we take this opportunity of wishing all "Past, Present and Future" Fusiliers a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

We have very little to record this month as the majority are on leave, consequently duty seems to be the only thing one can do, and undoubtedly this never makes pleasant reading unless it contains something thrilling, which alas could never happen at Bordon.

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The two Corporals picked to proceed to the Draft, which it is rumoured will leave some time in January, 1921, for the 2nd Battalion, are Hamilton and Ferguson; both these N.C.O.'s are specialists in the Machine and Lewis Gun so there will be ample scope for them to test their skill on the Bedouins of Mesopotamia.

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Since the publication of our last notes we have only one football match to record, this was against the Sergeants of the Battalion, who alas beat us by too numerous a score to mention; however, for the information of those who can hardly credit the fact, we hasten to add that we were quite off our usual form.

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We sincerely regret to announce the death of Mrs. Dawson (wife of Cpl. Dawson) who died in Louise Margaret, following a heart attack, and to Cpl. Dawson we tender our deepest sympathy in his hour of grief.

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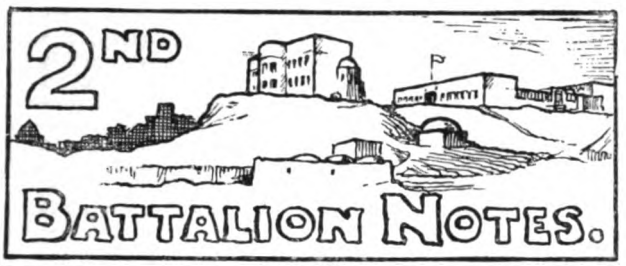

MOSUL,
MESOPOTAMIA,
16th October, 1920.

Since writing our last notes there have been many rumours about our departure from this country and our destination. At last we know something more definite, we are on the official list of Units moving to India. We have heard from G.H.Q., Baghdad, that we go to Dinapur, which lies about half-way between Calcutta and Lucknow. It is said to be a small station, one British and one Indian Battalion; sport is said to be good there.

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This news has rather taken the wind from the sails of the rumour spreader. They are, however, now fixing the date of departure and the name of the relieving Regiment. We understand that the reliefs are already in the country.

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The Battalion has been much split up during the last month. A Coy. spent ten days in a Training Camp at Abu Saif about six miles out from Mosul. They spent a strenuous time digging perimeter camps, picqueting heights and escorting convoys, but the camp had certain good points, good bathing, some good fishing and shooting. We understand that it has now changed its name to Aberystwyth.

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At the beginning of the month two Platoons and Headquarters of C Coy. left here to march the 40 miles to Tel-a-Far to form part of the garrison of that place. Life out there is still rather primitive and they are now hard at work making themselves comfortable.

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On the 12th October a column left Mosul to make a tour of the Northern limits of our sphere in Mesopotamia; they marched to Feish Khabur and along the Khabur River to Zakho in Kurdistan and then home to Mosul. The column will be out for a fortnight and will march through some little known territory to make a display for the benefit of the inhabitants and to show them what a British soldier looks like. The Column is commanded by Maj. J. F. C. Trench, D.S.O. A Coy. have gone out with it under the command of Capt. E. H. Baxter.

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B Coy. have now left Karind, in Persia, and the camp there is closed, they will go to Baghdad but we do not know if they will rejoin us here or remain in Baghdad until we move South.

The families have all left Karind and are now on their way from Basra to Bombay to await our arrival in India. The married men were allowed to accompany their wives as far as Kut, where they embarked on hospital steamers for Basra.

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A certain number of men have returned lately from various jobs, mostly from Prisoners of War Camps, where some of them held very exalted ranks.

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Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., rejoined us a few days ago on his return from his interrupted leave in England.

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It has not been possible to do much in the sports line lately as so many have been away. We have played one or two Hockey and Football Matches with the Signal Coy., Divisional Headquarters, and the 116th Transport Coy. We hope shortly to get the Football and Hockey Leagues in full swing. There is also the Cricket Shield to be played for. The 18th Division are holding sports in December, and if we are still here we hope to have a large number of entries for all the events. There is to be a Boxing Tournament at the same time for which we have some promising performers.

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The Shooting Season is now in full swing. Black Partridge shooting commenced on the 1st October and birds seem plentiful but the cover is still very heavy in places; this will, however, prevent the birds being shot out early in the season. Under the new shooting rules parties are limited to four guns and no more than two brace, and further out three brace may be shot by each gun. Excellent sport could be had at sand grouse but to go to the best places too large an escort would be required. The birds can be seen daily in enormous flocks which must contain many hundreds of birds.

SWIMMING RACES AT MOSUL.

(Photo by No. 9386 Lce.-Cpl. R. Saunders.)

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A few nights ago we had an excellent Impromptu Concert which revealed some good talent. In a few weeks time we are to have a really fine show when the Theatre is completed. In Sgt. Fox, Sgt. Shine, Cpl. Morgan and Bds. Clarke we have the makings of a really good troup of performers; there are also a number of other star turns who have not yet appeared in public.

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We give below some of our cricket matches which have been played during the last month or so. The matches for the Inter-Company Cricket have not been played yet owing to the absence of B Coy.

CRICKET.

W.O.'s and Sergeants v. Corporals.

Played at Mosul on the 22nd and 29th July, 1920.

SERGEANTS.

1st innings.

Sgt. A. Fitzgerald, b Parkin	2
C.Q.M.S. S. G. Hobson, c Parkin, b Richardson	12
Sgt. J. L. Fox, lbw, b Richardson	14
Actg. Staff-Sgt. C. Adams, b Richardson	13
C.S.M. T. Hiorns, b Richardson	18
C.Q.M.S. G. E. Brocklesby, b Richardson	1
Sgt. R. F. Croft, lbw, b Green	7
Sgt. H. Jackson, b Richardson	0
Sgt. F. Tissington, run out	0
Sgt. W. Griffiths, not out	5
Sgt. T. J. Shine, b Green	0
Extras	4
Total	76

2nd innings.

Sgt. A. Fitzgerald, b Finnamore	1
C.Q.M.S. S. G. Hobson, b Richardson	11
Sgt. J. L. Fox, b Richardson	20
Actg. Staff-Sgt. Adams, b Scott	7
C.S.M. Hiorns, b Parkin	37
C.Q.M.S. G. E. Brocklesby, c Scott, b Finnamore	9
Sgt. H. Jackson, c Parkin, b Richardson	0
Sgt. Croft, b Richardson	1
Sgt. F. Tissington, c Geldart, b Finnamore	5
Sgt. Griffiths did not bat	0
Sgt. T. J. Shine, not out	0
Extras	10
Total	101

CORPORALS.

1st innings.

Lce.-Cpl. J. Parkin, b Fitzgerald	0
Lce.-Cpl. A. Kenning, c Fox, b Adams	3
Cpl. G. Richardson, b Adams	14
Cpl. A. E. Finnamore, b Hiorns	33
Lce.-Cpl. C. W. L. Green, run out	0
Lce.-Cpl. Scott, c and b Fox	0
Lce.-Cpl. Cox, not out	9
Cpl. Geldart, c Fitzgerald, b Fox	0
Cpl. G. Young, b Fox	1
Lce.-Cpl. L. Holt, b Hiorns	2
Cpl. Watkinson, c Fox, b Hiorns	0
Extras	2
Total	64

2nd innings.

Lce.-Cpl. J. Parkin, c Tissington, b Hiorns	1
Lce.-Cpl. A. Kenning, b Fitzgerald	0
Cpl. G. Richardson, not out	43
Cpl. A. E. Finnamore, b Adams	3
Lce.-Cpl. C. W. L. Green, b Hiorns	0
Lce.-Cpl. Scott, b Hiorns	4
Lce.-Cpl. J. Anderson, run out	10
Cpl. Geldart, b Fitzgerald	1
Lce.-Cpl. L. Holt, c and b Fox	0
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, c and b Fitzgerald	10
Cpl. Young, b Adams	0
Extras	4
Total	76

Sergeants won by 37 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

C.S.M. Hiorns, 3 for 12.
Cpl. Richardson, 6 for 40.
Sgt. Fox, 2 for 13.

2/5th Fusiliers v. 44th Battery R.F.A.

Played at Mosul on the 11th July, 1920, and resulted in a win for the FIFTH by 6 runs.

44TH BATTERY R.F.A.

Lieut. Brown, b Fitzgerald	20
Cpl. Jones, c Grimley, b Fox	1
Lieut. Bird, b Fitzgerald	8
Dvr. Hudds, c Grimley, b Fitzgerald	6
Maj. Rashleigh, not out	32
Gnr. Alymer, b Fitzgerald	5
Bmdr. Wren, c Richardson, b Fitzgerald	2
Gnr. Hanling, c Scott, b Adams	1
Bmdr. Whitbread, b Adams	3
Bmdr. Myers, st. Brocklesby, b Fitzgerald	8
Gnr. Bebbs, run out	0
Extras	5
Total	91

2/5TH FUSILIERS.

Pte. Ryder, c and b Hemling	11
Sgt. Fitzgerald, b Aylmer	39
Sgt. Fox, c Myers, b Aylmer	21
Lieut. A. E. Stott, run out	4
Lieut. E. H. Grimley, c Wren, b Aylmer	10
Staff-Sgt. Adams, b Aylmer	0
C.S.M. Hiorns, b Hemling	2
C.Q.M.S. Brocklesby, not out	4
Cpl. Richardson, b Aylmer	1
Lce.-Cpl. Parkin, b Hemling	0
Pte. Scott, c Betts, b Hemling	0
Extras	5
Total	97

Officers v. Corporals.

Played at Mosul on the 28th and 29th August, 1920, and resulted in a win for the Corporals.

OFFICERS.

Lieut. A. C. Stott, b Finnamore	6
Lieut. E. H. Grimley, b Finnamore	17
Lieut. G. C. Humphreys, st. Young, b Richardson	1
Capt. E. H. Baxter, b Finnamore	6
Lieut. Steel, run out	4
Capt. B. E. S. Mahon, b Richardson	0
Lieut. C. H. Cooper, b Richardson	4
Maj. J. F. C. Trench, not out	2
Capt. P. A. Stewart, b Finnamore	0
Lieut. D. Scott, b Richardson	0
Capt. T. H. Owen, b Finnamore	0
Extras	7
Total	45

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CORPORALS.

Cpl. Geldart, c Humphreys, b Stott	6
Lce.-Cpl. Kenning, b Grimley	0
Cpl. Finnamore, not out	108
Cpl. Richardson, c and b Grimley	0
Cpl. Young, c Baxter, b Steel	9
Lce.-Cpl. Beatty, b Stott	22
Lce.-Cpl. Anderson, b Stott	6
Lce.-Cpl. Scott, c Cooper, b Grimley	18
Lce.-Cpl. Greenwood, c Cooper, b Grimley	6
Cpl. Suter, b Steel	4
Lce.-Cpl. Taylor, did not bat	
Extras	10
Total	189

2/5TH FUSILIERS *v.* OFFICERS OF MOSUL.

Played at Mosul on the 11th and 12th September, 1920, and resulted in a win for the FIFTH.

MOSUL OFFICERS.

Capt. Moore, R.G.A., b Fitzgerald	26
Maj. Parmenter, Manchester Regt., lbw, b Adams	0
— Foreman, b Grimley	5
Lieut. Bird, R.F.A., b Fitzgerald	8
Lieut. Wakeham, c Wardle, b Fitzgerald	0
Maj. Rashleigh, R.F.A., b Finnamore	4
Lieut. Carruthers, R.F.A., b Fitzgerald	5
Lieut. O'Callaghan, 89th Punjabis, b Wardle	14
Maj. Ratcliffe, R.A.C.C., st. Brocklesby, b Wardle	6
— Western, not out	3
— Bosworth, c Hiorns, b Ryder	0
Extras	5
Total	76

2/5TH FUSILIERS.

Lieut. E. H. Grimley, st. Bird, b O'Callaghan	48
Pte. Ryder, b O'Callaghan	0
Sgt. Fox, b Foreman	30
Cpl. Finnamore, c Bird, b Western	37
C.S.M. Hiorns, b Carruthers	10
Staff-Sgt. Adams, b Western	5
Pte. Wardle, not out	5
Sgt. Fitzgerald, b Moore	0
Lieut. Steel, not out	1
C.Q.M.S. Brocklesby, did not bat	
Capt. B. E. S. Mahon, did not bat	
Total (for 7 wickets)	136

The following matches have also been played:—

CPL. FINNAMORE'S XI. *v.* C.Q.M.S. BROCKLESBY'S XI.

Scores:—Cpl. Finnamore's XI., 90 and 81 for 5 wkts.
C.Q.M.S. Brocklesby's XI., 90.

Match drawn. Highest scores:—C.S.M. Hiorns, 22; C.Q.M.S. Brocklesby, 22; Pte. W. H. Green, 25.

A COY. *v.* B.A.C.

A Coy. won by 39 runs, C.S.M. Hiorns contributing 44 runs.

A COY. *v.* CORPORALS.

Scores:—Corporals, 33 and 80.
A Coy., 84 and 18 (for 4 wkts.).

This match resulted in a draw in favour of A Coy. who had six wickets in hand and required 12 runs to win.

Capt. Baxter scored 39 for A Coy., and Cpl. Richardson 26 for the Corporals.

A COY. *v.* C COY.

Played on the 14th August, 1920.

Scores:—A Coy., 79.
C Coy., 38.

A Coy. winning by 41 runs.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Lce.-Cpl. Parkin, C Coy.,	6 for 45
Sgt. Fox, C Coy.	4 for 24
C.S.M. Hiorns, A Coy.	6 for 13
Actg. Staff-Sgt. Adams, A Coy.	2 for 9

SERGEANTS *v.* CORPORALS.

Played on the 13th, 14th and 15th September, 1920, resulting in a win for the Sergeants by 8 wickets.

Scores:—Sergeants, 104 and 20 (for 2 wkts.).
Corporals, 65 and 45.

C.Q.M.S. Brocklesby, of A Coy., contributing 44 for the Sergeants, and Lce.-Cpl. Green was the highest scorer for the Corporals with 30 runs.

Sgt. Fitzgerald took 5 wickets for 22; Actg. Staff-Sgt. Adams took 5 wickets for 15.

A COY. *v.* D COY.

Played on the 19th, 20th and 21st July, 1920, in which A Coy. won by an innings and 52 runs.

Scores:—A Coy., 176.
D Coy., 74 and 50.

Lce.-Cpl. Green, of A Coy. took 6 wickets for 40 runs, C.S.M. Hiorns 6 wickets for 17, and Pte. Ryder 4 wickets for 25.

A2 *v.* C2.

Played on the 1st and 2nd August, 1920. Match drawn.

Scores:—A Coy., 20 and 103 (for 2 wkts.).
C Coy., 55.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Actg. Staff-Sgt. Adams	5 for 25
Cpl. Finnamore	4 for 24
Pte. Wardle	1 for 4

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

We are now beginning to realise that the trooping season has arrived, and with it the departure of home-sick members.

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Early in the month Sgt. G. W. Benger decided that the "Call of the East" is more mythical than fact and consequently resolved to try his hand as a civilian. We wish him the very best of luck.

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Only a few days ago C.S.M. Watts came to the conclusion that he was more fitted to control the fairer sex than Young England in khaki, so he has bid us *adieu*. I fear that not a few of us who witnessed his departure in the early hours of the morning deliberately broke the tenth Commandment. Ben takes with him our best wishes for happiness and success in his future career, which, we understand, finds much favour in his eyes. Owing to the short notice given of his move, we were unable to arrange anything in the line of a farewell dinner, but such of us who may meet him at some future time will know how to replace this deficiency.

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Very few incidents of note have occurred during the past few weeks. The members of A Coy. spent a short

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holiday on the banks of the Tigris at the well known resort of Abu Saif, and we understand that they proved themselves very capable fishermen. On their return, it was decided that a walking tour in Kurdistan would be very attractive, and there they are now to the best of our knowledge, no doubt enjoying the scenery.

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The two Sams, of Messrs. Johnston and Hobson, C Coy., are, with three other members, endeavouring to dodge dysentery at Tel-a-Far, a minute spot not so long ago the scene of slaughter. Letters occasionally creep in, but we cannot congratulate them on their powers of correspondence, and consequently know very little of their present circumstances.

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Owing to the exit of the families from the country, several of our members have ceased holiday making at Karind, and once more we see their faces in the Mess; quite happy and contented they look, too.

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We are all patiently waiting for someone in authority to say "Move." Much as we shall be sorry to part with the charm of Mosul, the regularity of our mails, the beauty of the local female inhabitants and the multitude of pariahs who disturb our sleep, yet were we ordered to go to-morrow, we should hastily pack up without grumbling, murmuring to ourselves "It is a far, far better thing I do, etc."

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

Since writing our previous notes (in which we suffered from over confidence) we have played our return match with the Sergeants, being defeated by 8 wickets, though great credit is due to the losers who fought strenuously to make a draw; to at least justify their—shall I call it—boast, however, Æsop's moral in his fable of the milkmaid and her pail of mik has been taken much to heart, so that we shall not in future count our chickens before they are hatched,

2ND BATTALION CHANGING GUARD.
(Photo by No. 9386 Lce.-Cpl. R. Saunders.)

at least not openly; for the team is of opinion that had it not been for a certain element of ill-luck which befell our star cricketer who only scored nine runs things might have been different. Never mind, we give our comrades of the

VIEW OF MOSUL AND THE TIGRIS.
(Photo by Maj. E. S. Swaine, M.C.)

third chevrons best, they deserve it, but will try to even things out at football.

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The Cricket season is now practically terminated, and Football well into its own. The Mess has not formed a team as yet, for, unfortunately, three parts of the members have been and still are away on operations; A Coy. having just returned from Abu-Saif, whilst C Coy. has just left for Tel-a-Far. Directly they have all rejoined we shall start with renewed vigour and throw out our challenges, for we have good material amongst us, possessing at least three or four regular Battalion players, who have already distinguished themselves this season in the few preliminary matches played by the Battalion against outsiders. Meanwhile we remain inactive but pick up points for future reference.

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Owing to the aforementioned operations the Mess itself has been very quiet and very sparsely patronised, but I hope news will be forthcoming shortly of a change, which to all intents and purposes will benefit all concerned, with the exception of two year members, who are "sweating" on the top line (they have also done some other sort of sweating) on a trip to England, home and beauty.

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Our special correspondent reports that rumours (such as they may be) have come to hand to the effect that we have been favoured with a move to a more congenial spot this trooping season, in fact, he asserts positively that its "punkha-land" as they term it in the Army. Conjecture is rife in the Mess as to where our ultimate destination is to be, and the sporting element may be heard offering bets at 2 to 1 on Delhi or Calcutta. Oh! for a good tipster, so that we might catch these members of the above fraternity napping; however, time will tell. Till then we await the decision of the Great White Chiefs; who help us to justify the well known motto "*Quo Fata Vocant.*"

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
26th November, 1920.

One of the principal events on Tyneside during the last month was the settlement of the coal strike which was effected just in time to prevent the recent cold snap freezing the Depôt to death.

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The anticipated visits to the Depôt by seekers after knowledge from the 38th Regimental Depôt, and our own visits to the 40th Regimental Depôt were cancelled.

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On Armistice Day all troops at the Depôt paraded under Capt. and Bt.-Maj. H. M. Heyder. At 10.58 the flag was half-masted, and the troops were ordered to rest on their arms reversed. At 11.00 the troops presented arms and the buglers sounded the Last Post followed by the Reveille.

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The representatives of the Regiment at the burial of the Unknown Warrior were Capt. W. P. Rushbrooke, D.S.O., and Sgt. Lewis. Maj. Cruddas and Capt. Milne Home accompanied the Lord Mayor in procession to the Cathedral for the two minutes' silence.

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Several of us visited Durham on Armistice Day at the invitation of Maj. Brereton, D.S.O., Commanding the 68th Regimental Depôt, to see the presentation and laying up of 12 Colours of Territorial and Service Battalions of the Durham Light Infantry. The ceremony was most impressive and went through without a hitch, one very pleasing feature being the laying of a wreath on and the saluting of the South African War Memorial as the troops filed into the Cathedral, the Band playing Auld Lang Syne.

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Lieut. R. King, of the Australian Imperial Forces, paid us a visit from Bordon during the month. A tour round the Elswick Works of Sir W. G. Armstrong-Whitworth and Co., a view of the Meet of the Tynedale Hounds, a visit to Gosforth to see the Rugby match between Northumberland and Yorkshire, and a Rat Hunt showed him that even in these strenuous times we find occasions for recreation.

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The transformation during a few hours a week of N.C.O.'s into dominies and pedagogues has been fraught with great success. 38 home made 3rd class certificates out of 57 starters is a most encouraging start to the new regime.

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During the month British War Medals have been distributed to the undermentioned Warrant Officers, N.C.O.'s and men:—

No. 202 R.Q.M.S. S. Ambury
,, 1434 C.S.M. F. T. Watson
,, 9360 C.Q.M.S. D. V. Redhead
,, 8086 Sgt. J. Featherstone
,, 9401 Sgt. E. A. Timbers
,, 3764 Sgt. J. W. Lewis
,, 9041 Sgt. A. Deeks
,, 6832 Cpl. C. Phillips
,, 22293 Cpl. P. Blackett, M.M.
No. 69 C.S.M. G. Prophet
,, 5781 C.S.M. F. B. Lee
,, 9891 C.Q.M.S. G. H. Wood
,, 3835 Sgt. A. C. Fenemore
,, 2170 Sgt. F. Marrs
,, 3837 Pte. W. Evetts
,, 8700 Sgt. F. A. Wagg
,, 17139 Cpl. F. Howells
,, 3894 Cpl. G. C. Knapp
No. 3823 Cpl. T. Scott
,, 89549 Lce.-Cpl. J. Penistone
,, 3715 Pte. C. Rayment
,, 16029 Pte. R. Butterworth
,, 3746 Pte. J. W. Durham
No. 1159 Lce.-Cpl. H. Hobbs
,, 3782 Pte. C. Peers
,, 98150 Pte. R. Dennis
,, 3651 Pte. W. Leach

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

The winter season having arrived, so have the Dances. We held our first on the 29th October. This turned out a great success, thanks to C.S.M. Watson and his energetic Committee, not forgetting Drum-Maj. Slater and the Band who rendered splendid music.

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The 68th held their Inkerman Ball on the 5th November. Invitations were extended to the Depôt, 5th Fusiliers, who turned up in force, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

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Our next dance was on the 19th and was a great success, thanks to C.Q.M.S. Redhead and his energetic Committee.

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At the laying up of the Colours of the Durham Light Infantry, at Durham Cathedral, on Armistice Day, Sgt.-Maj. Ouzman and four members of the Mess were present by the kind invitation of the O.C. 68th Regimental Depôt, and had a most enjoyable time.

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The night of the 23rd we held a Whist Drive, the Fusiliers being to the front on this occasion. Was it a combined effort which made C.Q.M.S. Redhead and Mrs. Redhead win the two firsts? The boobies in both cases went to the 68th.

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Again during the month we were "At Home" to the Newcastle Police and held a Billiard Tournament which was lost by a narrow margin.

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We received a visit from C.S.M. Graham as he passed through to take up his duties with the 7th Battalion. We wish him every success and hope to see him again from time to time.

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I would like to warn the Regimental Teams of the 1st and 2nd Battalions that we have a team at the Depôt which really considers itself HOT. This team is composed of Officers, W.O.'s and Sergeants of the 5th Depôt. They commenced their victorious career by testing their weight on the recruits. Elated by this victory they vanquished the Corporals. They then played and unluckily drew with their opposite numbers in the 68th. Two matches with the duty men ended in one draw and one loss. It is suggested that Newcastle United be challenged.

FOOTBALL MATCH RESULTS.

(A) TYNESIDE WEDNESDAY LEAGUE.

v. D.L.I.	Lost 2—4
v. Chopwell	Lost 3—6
v. Chopwell	Lost 2—4
v. N.E.R. Athletic	Lost 0—2
v. N.E.R. Athletic	Won 2—1
v. G.N. Telegraphs	Won 2—0
v. G.N. Telegraphs	Lost 1—2
v. S. Shields Butchers	Won 4—1
v. S. Shields Butchers	Won 4—2

Results to date:—Played 12, won 4, lost 7, drawn 1.

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(B) 2ND XI.

v. College of Medicine	Won 2—0
v. Gateshead Co-operative	Lost 0—2
v. Tynemouth Y.M.C.A.	Lost 2—4
v. Washington 2nd XI.	Draw 2—2

Results to date:—Played 4, won 1, lost 2, drawn 1.

(C) OFFICERS, W.O.'s AND SERGEANTS.

v. Corporals	Won 2—1
v. Recruits	Won 2—1
v. Dutymen	Draw 1—1
v. Officers, W.O.'s and Sergeants, D.L.I. ..	Draw 2—2
v. Dutymen	Draw 2—2
v. Corporals	Lost 2—3

Results to date:—Played 6, won 4, lost 1, drawn 1 .

(D) OTHER MATCHES.

1st XI. *v.* 2nd XI. .. .. .. 1st XI. won 2—1

(E) RECRUITS' INTER-SQUAD LEAGUE.

Owing to the early departure of two Squads to join the 1st Battalion this League has been slightly disorganised. Some matches have, however, been played and extreme keenness and some good play has resulted. The position of Squads will be published in next month's notes.

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FUSILIER HONOURS.

PRESENTATION TO SGT-MAJ. BECK, OF 5TH BATTALION NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

At a Smoking Concert promoted by the members of the Sergeants' Mess of the 5th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers (T.F.) and held in the Drill Hall, Walker, opportunity was taken to present to Sgt.-Maj. Edwin Beck, M.M., a handsome silver mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed, on the occasion of his leaving the Battalion to take up a position at the Regimental Depôt.

The presentation was made by R.S.M. Mellors, who referred to the splendid work that Sgt.-Maj. Beck had accomplished during the short time he had been with them since the re-forming of the Battalion. On behalf of a number of civilian friends a suede cigarette case was also handed over to Sgt.-Maj. Beck.

The recipient responded, and in the course of a witty speech urged his friends of the 5th Battalion to carry on the good work.

Sgt.-Maj. Beck is an old scholar of the Tynemouth Municipal High School. He joined the 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers in the early days of the war, and saw active service from January, 1915, to the end of the war. He was severely wounded in the second Battle of Ypres, and won the Military Medal and Bar.

4TH BATTALION NOTES.

HEXHAM,
27th November, 1920.

Musketry has taken up most of the time during the month with the result that the Battalion has now completed this part of its training.

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C.S.M. L. Stuart had the honour of representing the Northumberland Infantry Brigade at the funeral of the Unknown Warrior in London, and returned with a vivid impression of this solemn occasion.

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We have to record the departure of R.S.M. W. Travill from the Battalion on the completion of 21 years' service. During the short time he was with us he was of the greatest assistance in the re-construction of the Battalion, and leaves with the best wishes of everyone for his success in civilian life.

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C.S.M. W. Wodehouse has been appointed acting R.S.M., *vice* Travill.

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It is rumoured that a certain Instructor of the Battalion has taken to thoughts of matrimony and has commenced collecting his future home together by purchasing a piano. Owing to the acute shortage of houses, and the fact that the Instructor's Quarters are still occupied by an ex-Instructor, he is considering the possibility of accepting one of the numerous offers he has received for his one article of furniture.

5TH BATTALION NOTES.

WALKER-ON-TYNE,

The drill season and the musketry year having closed, the Battalion has settled down to a period of comparative quietness, the compilation of records, returns and bounties being the chief occupation of the Staff.

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The Battalion has every reason to congratulate itself on the results of the past training year, for, recruited up to 466 strong, it remains the strongest Infantry Battalion in the Northumberland Infantry Brigade, and did splendidly in Camp at Scarborough, and whilst at musketry and drill, no exceptional talent has been noticed, a spirit of keenness and enthusiasm has been exhibited which encourages one to believe that the prospects for the future are exceedingly bright.

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It is expected that an announcement as to the destination for Annual Training next year will shortly be made, and, if the rumour that we are to visit another popular seaside resort is correct, we feel confident that recruiting will "boom" at the opening of the 1921 drill season, and that we shall go under canvas at full strength.

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On Sunday, the 7th November, 13 Officers and over 150 other ranks under Maj. H. Luhrs, C.M.G., attended an Armistice Celebration Church Parade at Wallsend. The Wallsend Branch of The Comrades of the Great War kindly assisted us by placing at our disposal their excellent Brass Band.

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We are unfortunately loosing the services of Capt. Gordon Haggie, M.C., who departs for South Africa at the end of this month. Capt. Haggie has a long and distinguished record during the late war with the Battalion, with whom he went abroad in April, 1915, and with the Northumberland Infantry Brigade, having served as Staff Captain in 1916-17-18. We wish him every success in his new sphere of activity.

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We regret to have to report that we are loosing the services of C.S.M. Beck, M.M., who is leaving us to do duty at the Depôt. During the nine months C.S.M. Beck has been with us he has done a great deal to assist in the reorganisation and recruiting of the Battalion, and a great

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deal of credit is due to him for the *esprit de corps* which has been shown by the newly joined recruits who have passed through his hands.

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The various Committees continue to concentrate their efforts upon a programme of entertainment to pass away the long winter evenings, and many enjoyable dances have been held by the Sergeants' Messes at Wallsend and Walker Drill Halls.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

On Armistice Night a Ball arranged by the Entertainment Committee was in common parley "a grand affair." We were graced with the presence of many of the leading personages, whilst the Sergeants and their wives and families came under the special attention of C.S.M. Coppick and Sgt. "Bobby" Griggs who had arranged a quiet surprise for the little party. In addition to the enter-

tainment provided for these, an excellent supper was also served on the Officers' Balcony overlooking the Hall. The youngsters enjoyed themselves immensely whilst Coppick and Griggs "cuisenier extraordinary" made an admirable Pa and Ma.

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On the night of the 24th October on our return from the range, a merry evening was held in the form of a Smoking Concert, in honour of C.S.M. Beck who, as is stated in the notes above, is unfortunately leaving us for the Depôt.

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The Mess was hardly large enough to hold the large, and, may it be said, distinguished gathering, for there were many old hands present, chief amongst those being ex-Sgt. Dmr. Maughan and Mr. Dennis Considine, who served in the Volunteer Battalion away back in the eighties, and who now are both honorary members of this Mess. There was a full attendance of Sergeants in addition to the large number of civilian friends who had gathered together that night.

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The chair was occupied by R.S.M. Mellors, whilst Sgt. "Bobby" Griggs officiated at the piano. The programme being so large it is almost impossible to reproduce it here, but among those who contributed were C.S.M. Fletcher, D.C.M., C.S.M. Kennedy, Sgts. J. T. and L. Burford, D.C.M., M.M. (duet), Brown, Watson, D.C.M., Mr. Curry, Mr. Steele (repeated encores), Mr. Ford, Mr. Nockles, Mr. Sinclair and the Armada Quartette Party who gave six excellent renderings. Mr. George Maughan, senr., in good tone "The Death of Nelson," and Mr. Denis Considine who also gave his own composition "The Fighting Fifth." During the interval in the proceedings R.S.M. Mellors in making the presentation to C.S.M. Beck of a heavily silver mounted walking stick suitably inscribed, on behalf of the members of the Sergeants' Mess, referred to the loss the Battalion and the Mess was sustaining in the departure of Sgt.-Maj. Beck, who had worked very hard and successfully during his stay with the Unit. On behalf of the Mess he wished him the best of luck, and trusted that the stick would be a pleasant reminder of the days he spent with the 5th Battalion.

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Mr. Nockles, on behalf of a number of civilian friends, handed to C.S.M. Beck a suede cigarette case, and wishing him the best of luck, hoped the case would never be empty.

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C.S.M. Beck suitably responded, and stated that he knew of no more genuine and thorough harmony coupled with civilian appreciation than existed in the Walker Mess.

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A most enjoyable evening was spent in the Sergeants' Mess, Walker, on Sunday, the 24th October, following the outing to Ponteland.

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The programme drawn up is appended and our comrades of the various Messes in the Territorial Brigade who happened to attend our evenings at the Scarborough Camp will, we hope, readily understand the humour that the titles selected are intended to portray. With apologies if we have failed to elucidate.

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SERGEANTS' MESS, 5TH BATT. NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

UN BON CONCERT.

ENTREE—COMMENT—POURTALLEZ—PLUNK.

"Christians Awake: Daily turn out at Camp, 6 a.m. (06.00 hrs.) ... ... Sgt.-Dmr. Maughan
Song ... "Daddy's Baby Boy" ... C.S.M. Coppick
Lecture "How to Detect Blue Lines" Sgt. Piper
Song ... ... "Inky" ... ... Sgt. Black
Monologue ... "Kissing Cup" ... C.S.M. Poole
"Selections from his 'Store'" ... ... Sgt. Bly
"A Dis-Orderly Room, Eh!" ... Sgt. Douglas (O.R.S.)
"Biblical Stories" ... ... C.S.M. Back
Song "Who Put the Bones in the Kipper?" Sgt. Smith
Song ... ... Sgt. Bell
"The only horse I think that I could manage is the one the Missus dries the clothes on."
Song ... "Wait For It" ... R.S.M. Mellors
Violin Solos ... ... C.S.M. Dixon
"Which is Which" ... Sgts. L. and J. T. Burford
Sketches "How to 'Draw' Rations" R.Q.M.S. Jude
Ballet Dance ... ... Sgt. Crozier
Recitation "A Stitch in Time, etc." Sgt. Griggs
Song ... "The Merry Barman" ... Sgt. Watson
Song ... "Sleep, My Little One" ... C.Q.M.S. Pearce

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The company were much indebted to "The Armada" Quartette Party for several really excellent items which added considerably to the harmony of the evening.

Perhaps the song written and composed by Sgt. Denis Considine, late 5th Battalion, would interest readers of this *Gazette*. Song entitled "The Fighting Fifth."

We've got a priceless legacy—traditions of the past
Of glorious deeds performed in bygone years,
By men who in their country's cause died fighting to the last
In the Fighting Fifth—those brave old Fusiliers
In Holland and in Flanders, in Portugal and Spain
Against Napoleon's legions firmly stood.
The ditch at Badajos, laid choked with comrades slain
E'er they gained those walls dyed red with comrades' blood.

CHORUS:

Hail to their Colours and the gallant "Old and Bold,"
Their deeds shall be acclaimed through ages yet untold
That name we're proud to bear, its fame we will uphold
In defence of our Country and Empire.

In square like solid rock we stood their charge a thing so dread
That cavalry it even put to flight,
When they charged at El Bodon, those foemen turned and fled
And left the FIFTH the victories of the fight;
To Lucknow's seige our heroes, with brave old Havelock went
To relieve that gallant band there sore distressed
And the rebels got a taste of what Northumberland had sent
As on the attack they bravely pressed.

CHORUS.

The parched and sweltering Soudan—across those burning sands
To the battle of Khartoum they marched away,
And Gordon was avenged at last—those ruthless Arab bands
Across the desert fled in wild dismay.
In South Africa they suffered—at first, like many more
'Till the wily Boer they got to understand,
Then they taught him that respect, brave men had learned before
For the men who wore the helmet with the red band.

CHORUS.

All honour to those "Old and Bold" laid in a soldier's grave
In many lands they're scattered—far and wide
Their guerdon, glorious sepulture—exalted of the brave
Full "Honours" they our Colours have supplied.
Their memory can never fade, whilst gallantry's esteemed
Brave deeds survive no matter what befalls
Where the battle rages fierce may our place be always deemed
And ready our response "Where e'er Fate calls."

CHORUS.

Now should some treach'rous enemy e're chance to slip our Fleet
And land upon our shores intent on spoil,
We'll give him of our country say, a space about six feet
With the honour of interment in our soil
For should our "British Bulldogs"—our foremost fighting line
At duty's call be serving o'er the seas,
He'll find the British Terriers about the coaly Tyne
Are stubborn in defence of Liberty.

CHORUS:

Rise then Northumbria—Arise now in your might
Rally to the colours with roses red and white
With the banner of St. George to guide you in the fight
In defence of your homes and our Empire.

7TH BATTALION NOTES.

ALNWICK,
23rd November, 1920.

The second Dance of the season was held at Headquarters Drill Hall on the 27th October. Owing to the numerous dances which were held on the same evening, the number attending was not so large as at the first. Dancing commenced at 8 p.m. and continued until midnight, all present thoroughly enjoying themselves.

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On Wednesday, the 27th October, in response to a challenge from Alnwick Wednesday F.C., a scratch team was turned out. After a hard and exciting game the soldiers ran out winners by the odd goal in five.

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A meeting of C Coy.'s Re-union Committee was held at Alnwick on the 1st November, when the chief details were fixed. The Dinner is to be held in the Drill Hall, Alnwick, on the 10th December; the price of tickets is to be Officers 10/6, other ranks 6/-. A supply of tickets is being sent to each Drill Hall for sale and invitations have been issued to all past and present Officers of the Battalion. It is hoped His Grace the Duke of Northumberland will be present. Tickets can be had either from members of the Permanent Staff or direct from the Hon. Secretary, Sgt.-Maj. J. H. Rowsell, Drill Hall, Alnwick.

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Five of C Coy.'s runners are in training with Alnwick Harriers' Club, and some of D Coy.'s members are turning out with Berwick and District Harriers. Inter-Club runs are being arranged between the Clubs.

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The second annual dinner of the 149th Infantry Brigade took place in the Grand Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, on the 5th November, when Maj.-Gen. Sir P. S. Wilkinson, K.C.M.G., C.B., presided, and was supported by His Grace the Duke of Northumberland, K.G., and Col. E. P. A. Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O. Officers of the Battalion who attended this enjoyable re-union were Lieut.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O., Majs. H. R. Smail and V. Merivale, M.C., Capts. G. McK. Jobling, E. Nixon, H. B. Speke, O.B.E., and E. H. Watson, and Lieut. C. Barnard.

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On Armistice night the Machine Gunners at Berwick, who served with the Battalion overseas and later became merged in the Machine Gun Corps, had their Annual

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Dinner. Capt. F. B. Cowen, M.C., presided over a company of about 40, many of whom have rejoined the Unit. The guests included Maj. Smail, a former M.G. Officer, Lieut. J. H. Huffam, who commands the present M.G. Platoon, C.S.M.'s W. H. Matthews and A. Graham, of the Permanent Staff, C.Q.M.S. Jenkinson and Sgt. Osborne, K.O.S.B. A most successful evening followed the serving of the sumptuous repast, the time passing all too quickly with songs, a few speeches, and reminiscences of service in Flanders. Those contributing to the programme were:—C.S.M. Graham, ex-Sgts. G. Hall and Heckles, Sgt. R. J. Swanston, D.C.M., Sgt. Osborne, Ptes. Cooney and Goodlet, and Mr. Jas. Law.

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Berwick Coy. gave its first Whist Drive and Dance of the season on Tuesday, the 16th November, when the company present sat down to 31 tables for whist. Thanks to the able management of C.S.M. Graham as M.C., everything went without a hitch in this department. Sgt. H. G. Patterson was the fortunate winner of first prize and also the prize given by Capt. Kennington, O.B.E., D.C.M., for the highest score attained by a member of D Coy. Capt. D. Hebenton, late of the 35th Battalion and 2/7th Northumberland Fusiliers, was runner-up. The dance which followed was also most successful, C.S.M. T. H. Hall and Sgt. Patterson making most capable M.C.'s. It is hoped to have a monthly dance and to bring the season to a close as usual with a Ball on St. George's Day. The Committee which made the arrangements for this function was as follows:—Capt. E. H. Crow, Lieut. J. H. Huffam, C.S.M. Hall, Sgts. Patterson and Shaw, Cpl. Burn and Pte. Brotherton; Cpls. C. Bradford and Thompson being the Joint Secretaries.

Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
near WALLINGFORD,
30th November, 1920.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

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The following question was asked in the House of Commons on the 11th November and its answer will be of interest to many of our readers:—

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

BRIG.-GEN. SURTEES asked the Secretary of State for War how long the 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers have been at Mosul; whether it has been under canvas since its arrival there; and whether, seeing that it has recently received an intimation that it is to remain for another year at Mosul, where the climatic conditions are very trying to young soldiers, arrangements can be made for alleviating the conditions by providing permanent shelter as well as amusements for the troops, neither of which exist at present?

MR. CHURCHILL: The 2nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers arrived at Mosul in November, 1919. The accommodation available for the troops in Mesopotamia depends largely upon the military situation, and it may be found necessary to accommodate the Battalion under canvas. As regards amusements and recreation for the troops, I am sure the local military authorities are doing all that is possible in the prevailing circumstances. I might add that the Battalion is under orders to leave Mesopotamia as soon as the situation permits.

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We have received from Messrs. George Philip and Son, Ltd., a most useful little work called "Ribbons and Medals," by Commander Taprell Dorling, R.N. It contains coloured reproductions of some hundreds of ribbons and short historical accounts of most of the medals and orders of modern times. As is stated in the preface it does not pretend to give a full and complete account such as would be required by an expert collector but a means whereby the uninformed may recognise any ribbon he may see on the breast of a present day sailor or soldier. The work was first published in 1915 but was afterwards revised in 1919 and in 1920 a supplement was published relative to ribbons and medals of the Great War. These are all now issued under one cover at a cost of 8/6 and in these days when so many manly breasts have appearances somewhat similar to a colour merchant's sample card no Mess or Military Office should be without a copy of this useful work. It is well indexed and possesses a most useful table of precedence for medals or medal ribbons.

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All 5th Fusiliers will have read with horror of the dastardly murder by Sinn Fein Gunmen of 15 Auxiliary Police Officers at Macroom, Co. Cork, on the 30th November. The fact that two of these gallant Officers, Capt. P. N. Graham and Capt. W. Hooper Jones, served with the Regiment during the war brings a personal element into our horror at the crime. We are proud of their gallantry and we deplore the sad and tragic end to the lives of two who fought side by side with our comrades of the old Regiment against a foe, who, however vile his methods of warfare, was still a foe open and acknowledged.

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We tender our hearty congratulations to Maj. Ovans on the recent appearance of his name among the recipients of the C.B.E.

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ENGAGEMENT.

MAJ. W. PLATT AND MISS M. D. WATNEY.

The engagement is announced between Maj. William Platt, 5th Fusiliers, only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Platt, of Hyning, Camforth, and Mollie Dendy, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dendy Watney, of Summerfields, Addlestone.

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Lieut. T. C. L. Redwood	£5
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Letters to the Editor.

BORDON,
23rd November, 1920.

To the Editor, "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

In spite of the request to the Old Hands to send their addresses to the Mess President, 1st Battalion, at Guadaloupe Barracks, Bordon, not one has done so. Our address book is hopelessly out of date so all and every are hereby requested as soon as they read this letter to send a post card with their address thereon to the Mess President as above.

Yours faithfully,
C. YATMAN (Bt.-Colonel),
Commanding 1st Batt. 5th Fusiliers.

MEMORIAL FUND.
FIRST AND SECOND BATTALIONS 5TH FUSILIERS

FENHAM BARRACKS,
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26th November, 1920.

To the Editor, "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The following subscriptions have been received to the Memorial Fund, 1st and 2nd Battalions 5th Fusiliers:—

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Yours faithfully,
ARCHIBALD MILNE HOME, (Captain),
5th Fusiliers,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

ODE TO A CANDID GOLFER.

By T.S.

Though your motto here on earth be
"Tell the truth the Devil shame!"
NEED your truths alway engirth me
Like a devastating flame?

When I top my drive and mention
That I'm rather off my game,
NEED you murmur with intention
That I *always* do the same?

When I fail to leave a bunker
And the vicious heel mark blame,
NEED you say: "one should not funk a
Heel mark if but true one's aim?"

When I play you in a foursome,
Partnered by some hapless dame,
NEED you, though the game is boresome
Tell me "Duffer" is my name?

When, through play that I thought plucky,
My score *out* should bring me fame
NEED you say you thought me lucky
And my score *in* very tame?

No you NEED not, and remember
Though Truth's a virtue few can claim,
'Tis a breath to fan an ember
And burns may soon a friendship maim.

FIRE AND FLOOD.

Occasion: Visit of His Majesty's Inspector of Schools. Trying to test mental ability of the children, His Majesty's Inspector wrote up on the blackboard: "Do not play with matches; remember the Fire of London," and asked the children to invent similar pearls of wisdom of the same type. On returning to the class after inspecting other standards he found only one boy had genius enough to fulfil the demand, and his effort was: "Do not spit; remember the Flood."

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A REGIMENTAL PAPER FOR THE "OLD AND BOLD."

"Quo fata vocant."

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BIRTH.

ATHILL.—On the 1st December, at Cairo, the wife of Maj. F. R. I. Athill, C.M.G., 5th Fusiliers, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

WHALL—CARDEN.—On the 9th December, at the Parish Church of Mottingham, Kent, by the Rev. W. Graham Moeran, M.C., cousin of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. W. S. Probert, Rector of the Parish, Cecil L. B. Whall, only son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Whall, of Great George Street, Glasgow, to Dorothy, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cecil Carden, of Burghersdorp, South Africa. and grand-daughter of the late Maj.-Gen. Carden and Mrs. Carden, of "Lulworth," Eltham. South African papers, please copy.

EXTRACTS FROM *The London Gazette*:—

COMMANDS AND STAFF.

The following relinquish their appointments:—

DEP. ASST. DIR. OF GRAVES REGISTRATION AND INQUIRIES (CL. BB).—Tempy. Capt. T. McLachlan, D.S.O., M.C., Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs., and relinquishes the tempy. rank of Maj. (dated 23rd Sept.).

RLY. TRAFFIC OFFICER (CL. FF).—Tempy. Capt. O. H. Lindberg, Serv. Batt. North. Fusrs. (dated 1st Nov.).

G.S.O., 3RD GRADE.—Bt.-Maj. C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O., North. Fusrs., relinquishes his tempy. appt. (dated 5th Nov.).

The following appointment is made:—

G.S.O., 1ST GRADE.—2nd (Rawalpindi) Dn., Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. N. Herbert, C.M.G., D.S.O., North. Fusrs. (dated 8th June).

REGULAR BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Maj. C. G. Arkwright, M.C., from 4th Batt. (T.F.), to be Lieut. (dated 4th Dec.), with seniority from 24th July, 1916.

Capt. L. E. Ottley, is secd. under the provisions of Art. 103, R. Warrant for Pay and Promotion (dated 26th Jany.).

Lieut. G. Aitchison relinquishes his commsn. (dated 4th June), and retains the rank of Lieut.

A. E. B. Plummer, M.C., late tempy. Capt., Serv. Batt., to be Lieut. (dated 16th Dec., with seniority from 31st July, 1916); R. H. Egdell, M.C., from tempy. Lieut., Tank Corps, to be 2nd-Lieut. (dated 16th Dec., with seniority from 9th Feby.), and to be secd. for service as an Executive Offr. with the Tank Corps.

SPECIAL RESERVE.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

The following to be tempy. Capt.:—2nd-Lieut. (now Lieut.) J. W. Rochester, 3rd North. Fusrs., Spec. Res., whilst emplyd. on Estabt. of the Directorate of G.R. and E. (from 1st May to 30th June, 1919).

TERRITORIAL BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. G. H. S. Lester to be Lieut. (dated 7th Oct., 1919).

4th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. E. W. Willes to be Lieut. (dated 11th March).

5th Batt.—2nd-Lieut. R. L. Davison to be Lieut. (dated 11th March).

5th Batt.—Capt. C. W. Fairweather relinquishes the actg. rank of Maj. on ceasing to be emplyd. with R.E. (dated 18th Nov.).

6th Batt.—Lieut. J. Thompson is secd. under the conditions of paragraph 112, T.F. Regulations (dated 9th Dec.).

TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Lieut. J. O. Robson, from 5th Batt. North. Fusrs., to be Lieut. (dated 24th Dec.).

SERVICE BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

Tempy. Lieut. R. H. Van Hee relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st Oct.), and is granted rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 3rd Dec.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—S. J. Kerr, T. Nesbitt, W. Sinclair; tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. G. Coventry, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 3rd Dec.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. Lieut. C. E. Picker relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 28th March, 1919), and retains rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 24th April, 1919, specifying date as 25th April, 1919). Tempy. Lieut. S. Walton relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 28th April, 1919), and retains rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 5th July, 1919, specifying date as 6th July, 1919).

Tempy. Capt. W. Hall-Thompson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 7th June, 1919), and retains rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 30th Nov.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—R. P. Housby, M.C., S. R. Sainsbury, M. H. Wilson.

Tempy. Capt. O. H. Lindberg relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 1st Nov.), and retains rank of Capt. Tempy. Lieut. E. Veitch relinquishes his commsn. on completion

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of service (dated 9th Dec.), and is granted rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service from the dates specified, and retain rank of Lieut.:—H. V. Button (dated 10th Oct.); T. Alexander (dated 9th Dec.).

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 10th Dec.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—A. A. Armstrong, M.C., M.M., J. W. Bleasdale, F. W. Clay, E. J. Garland, G. C. W. Pringle, A. T. Strong.

Tempy. Capt. T. McLachlan, D.S.O., M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th Sept.), and is granted rank of Maj. Tempy. Lieut. J. Watt relinquishes his commsn. on account of ill-health caused by wounds (dated 17th Oct., 1919), and retains rank of Lieut. (substituted for *Gazette* notification 6th Nov., 1919, specifying date as 7th Nov., 1919). The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 7th Dec.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—H. F. Green, J. H. Howson, A. Ingle, W. Mole. Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. F. W. H. Allison relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 7th Dec.), and retains rank of 2nd-Lieut.

Tempy. 2nd-Lieut. A. F. Fraser to be tempy. Lieut. (dated 28th May, 1919) tempy. Lieut. A. F. Fraser relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 24th Dec.), and retains rank of Lieut.

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 22nd Dec.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—T. A. Crofts, D. Firth, A. D. McNevin, L. T. Williams.

The following tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 22nd Dec.), and retain rank of 2nd-Lieut.:—J. D. Appleby, T. Connell, M.M., A. R. Corbett, A. Easson, M.C., J. W. Lacey.

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 23rd Dec.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—G. E. D. Burbidge, A. E. Clark, T. W. Cunningham, H. A. Dodd, G. H. Graham, J. Griffith, A. E. Kell, J. L. Piggott. The following tempy. 2nd-Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 23rd Dec.), and retain rank of 2nd-Lieut.:—A. L. Fulton, J. Leigh.

The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 11th Dec.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—W. E. Hicks, M.C., F. A. Jenkyn, J. C. Morgan, M.C.

51st Batt.—Lieut. J. W. Crake (6th Batt. North. Fusrs.) to be actg. Capt. while cmndg. a Coy. (dated 26th Oct., 1919, to 20th Jany.).

Tempy. Capt. B. C. Brady, M.C., relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 30th Nov.), and retains rank of Capt. The following tempy. Lieuts. relinquish their commsns. on completion of service (dated 15th Dec.), and retain rank of Lieut.:—S. Brewin, M.C., H. A. Quinn, R. W. R. Spelman, L. A. Ward.

GARRISON BATTALIONS.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS.

2nd Garr. Batt.—Temp. Lieut. J. R. Thomson relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd Dec.), and retains rank of Lieut.

3rd Home Serv. Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Capt. E. J. B. Perry relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 2nd Dec.), and retains rank of Capt.

2nd Garr. Batt.—Tempy. Lieut.-Col. H. H. Kent relinquishes his commsn. on completion of service (dated 11th Dec.), and retains rank of Lieut.-Col.

ALLIED DECORATIONS.

WAR OFFICE,
3rd December, 1920.

The following is among the decorations and medals awarded by the Allied Powers at various dates to the British Forces for distinguished services rendered during the course of the campaign. The King has given unrestricted permission to wear the decoration in question.

CONFERRED BY HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF RUMANIA.

ORDER OF THE STAR OF RUMANIA.
THIRD CLASS.

No. 56101 Pte. F. G. Dawkins, North. Fusrs. (Pembroke).

RETROSPECT FOR 1920.

The year 1920 may be said to have been remarkable for its destructive features, the disbandment and demobilisation of the many Service and other Battalions of the Regiment. The year 1920 has been constructive. The post-war Army is growing up out of the ruins of the old pre-war one. But, alas, how few of the old hands remain to instil the old traditions.

The hand of death has taken its toll of 5th Fusiliers, among those who have joined the great majority being:—

Lieut.-Col. J. Creagh
Lieut.-Col. W. Orde (3rd Battalion)
Lieut.-Col. G. W. Hargreave
Sgt. J. H. Parfitt
Band-Cpl. Stafford
Bandsman P. S. Flinter

Capts. P. N. Graham and W. Hooper Jones, who served with the Regiment during the war, were brutally murdered by Sinn Feiners while serving as Cadets in the R.I.C.

One of the most pleasing features of the year has been the increase of the powers of the Colonel of the Regiment. Maj.-Gen. Sir Percy Wilkinson has now authority to visit the various Units of the Regiment as its Colonel, to nominate candidates for commissions in the Regiment, and generally speaking, to be the "channel of communication" between the C.O.'s and the War Office on matters of purely Regimental interest.

Both Battalions trooped the Colour on St. George's Day, but nearly everyone regretted that full dress has not yet returned. Its advent in the Household Troops gives us hope that 1921 may see the Troop carried out with all the time honoured pomp and circumstance.

The 1st Battalion remains at Bordon under the Command of Col. G. Yatman, C.M.G., D.S.O. The 2nd-in-Command is Bt. Lieut.-Col. A. C. Hardman Jones, the Adjutant, Capt. E. G. M. Buckley, and the Quartermaster, Lieut. W. Myers. The Battalion is very depleted in numbers, but there is consolation in the fact that Bordon and weakness has much to recommend it as compared with Ireland and strength. The writer was overjoyed to find that Mess kit had been resuscitated in the Battalion.

The 2nd Battalion has been at Mosul throughout the year and is to everyone's relief and joy proceeding to Dinapore. Lieut.-Col. E. M. Moulton Barrett, D.S.O., is in command, Lieut.-Col. H. R. Sandilands, C.M.G., D.S.O., 2nd-in-Command, Capt. and Bt.-Maj. E. S. Swaine, M.C., Adjutant, and Lieut. J. H. Maynard, Quartermaster. The Battalion has on the whole been free from the trouble with the Arabs which beset their fellows further south, but Lieut. Clive Smith and six rank and file detached temporarily were killed in action.

The 3rd Battalion is not as yet. It consists of Maj. Holderness, Capts. Hobbs and Hodgson, and Adjutant, Quarter-Master and Permanent Staff. There was no training in 1920, and we wonder what form the Special Reserve of 1921 will take.

The Depôt still stands as it did of yore. Recruiting has been fairly brisk, and in this last month extremely rapid, London having been opened to the Regiment. 252 recruits have been drafted to the 1st Battalion apart from re-enlisted men, and there are 103 recruits at the Depôt at the time of writing. Maj. B. Cruddas, D.S.O., is Commanding, and Capt. A. Milne Home, M.C., is Adjutant.

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The Territorial Battalions are sprouting right lustily, and this is their record:—

4th Battalion.—Strength January, 1920, *Nil;* December, 1920, 16 Officers, 255 rank and file.
C.O., Lieut.-Col. J. R. Robb.
Adjutant, Capt. C. Chipper, M.C.

5th Battalion.—Strength January, 1920, *Nil;* December, 1920, 25 Officers and 464 rank and file. (All the Officers have served overseas except one who was under age.)
C.O., Lieut.-Col. Arnold Irwin, D.S.O.
Adjutant, Capt. Butler, R. Munster Fusiliers.

6th Battalion.—Strength, January, 1920, *Nil;* December, 1920, 18 Officers and 333 rank and file.
C.O., Lieut.-Col. E. Temperley, D.S.O., T.D.
Adjutant, Capt. J. H. Gordon, 4th Batt. Gordon Highlanders.

7th Battalion.—Strength January, 1920, *Nil;* December, 1920, 18 Officers and 430 rank and file. (All the Officers have war service.)
C.O., Lieut.-Col. N. I. Wright, D.S.O.
Adjutant, Maj. R. M. Booth, D.S.O.

The 4th and 5th Battalions held week-end Camps at Ponteland for Musketry, and the Territorial Brigade went into camp at Scarborough from the 15th to the 29th August, the strength of Battalions attending being:—

4th Battalion	...	...	...	235
5th Battalion	...	...	...	434
6th Battalion	...	...	...	284
7th Battalion	...	...	...	356

The youngest three Battalions of the Regiment were disbanded during the year, the 51st, 52nd and 53rd, and so came to an end that great rally whereby the County of Northumberland produced for the Regiment more new Army Battalions than any other. It is a matter of pride to the old Regular Battalions remaining to bid these young soldiers God-speed in the full knowledge that if and when a crisis again occurs there will be the same great rally to the Colours.

In July the old 2nd Battalion Colours were laid up in the Cathedral with as much pomp and ceremony as the drab of service dress permitted. There was an appropriateness in the fact that just as many young Battalions assembled round the old regular formations, to fight the war, so 18 Colours of these Battalions followed the old Regular ones into the Cathedral at the same time.

The Regiment was represented at the burial of the Unknown Warrior by Capt. Rushbrooke and Sgt. Lewis from the Depôt and C.S.M. Stuart from the 4th Battalion. C.S.M. Stuart has two Soudan, two South African, three European War and the T.F. Efficiency Medals.

A Memorial Fund has been started to commemorate the fallen of the 1st and 2nd Battalions. At the time of writing about £260 has been subscribed, but subscriptions are coming in very slowly. They are payable to Capt. Milne Home, at the Depôt, or to Lloyd's Bank, Grey Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

One evergreen institution of the Regiment still remains, and long may it do so—*St. George's Gazette.* Our indefatigable Editor, Maj. St. John, would, we know, welcome a little more assistance in the matter of copy. While, he is ever ready with his pen to fill up deficiencies, it is up to us all to help him whenever we can. Articles of Regimental or general interest or photographs are welcomed by him.

The following retirements, etc., have taken place during the year:—

Lieut.-Colonels:—Nil.

Majors:—**Bt. Lieut.-Col. C. M. A. Wood. (To H.Q. Southern Command.)**
Bt. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Wild, D.S.O., (Retired.)
Bt. Col. A. C. Girdwood, C.M.G., D.S.O., P.S.C. (Assistant Commandant, R.M.C.)
Maj. H. W. Archer. (Retired.)
Maj. R. T. K. Auld. (To Welsh Guards.)
Maj. W. Gibson. (Retired.)
Maj. B. W. E. Gething. (Retired.)
Maj. R. M. R. Lamb, D.S.O. (Retired.)

Captains:—**C. E. Lembcke, D.S.O.**
C. R. Freeman, D.S.O., M.C.
F. B. Corbet-Singleton
C. H. Markham
R. D. M. Tims
R. H. Hoffmann

Lieutenants:—**A. B. Surtees**
W. R. Allen
C. G. Johnson, M.C.
C. Clarke
W. Watson, M.C. (Now Quartermaster, 4th Battalion.)
C. B. Carrick, M.C.
F. A. Price
G. White, M.C.
J. Bailey
R. J. Rogers, M.C.
T. A. Oakshott
N. B. Pigg, D.S.O.
U. H. Dodd, M.C.
B. K. Barber
R. P. M. Whitham, M.C.
C. Smith, M.C. (Killed in action.)
B. H. Jones
G. Thorneycroft, M.C.
R. E. D. O'Dowd
I. Steedman
J. W. Crouch, D.C.M.
W. Pattison
J. C. Whyte
A. Woodhead, M.C.
G. Hunter, M.C.
T. Sanderson, M.C.
R. L. Nisbet
R. Brown
J. D. McKenna

2nd-Lieutenants:—**D. Story**
E. J. Halliday
C. E. J. Whitting

To the ranks of Lieut.-Colonels, Majors and Captains add *Nil*.

To the rank of Lieutenants add:—C. G. Arkwright (1st Appointment with ante date); F. Brown and H. Brough, promoted.

To the 2nd Lieutenants add:—W. N. C. Crawhall, J. W. C. Vernon and P. H. Earle.

A.C.M.H.

Obituary.

CAPT. P. N. GRAHAM.

Capt. Philip Noel Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Graham, of Abingdon, Berks, was born on the 6th December, 1887, and educated at Abingdon School.

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At the outbreak of the war, he was on a fruit farm in Ontario, and left without a day's delay for

CAPT. GRAHAM.

England, enlisting in the 10th Batt. London Regiment in September, 1914; on the 5th December, 1914, he was promoted Lieutenant in the 11th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, and Captain in December, 1915. He served in France in 1915-16 until he was invalided home from shell shock, afterwards serving at York and Doncaster, returning to France shortly before the Armistice.

In February, 1920, he was demobilised and joined the R.I.C. (Auxiliary) in August, and while serving with them was foully murdered by Sinn Feiners on the 30th November. He was buried in Abingdon Cemetery on Saturday, the 4th, with military honours. The Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry furnished the Firing Party and Band, and the Berks Constabulary an escort of 30 men.

The father, mother and relatives of deceased attended, including Col. Carter, late 11th Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, his uncle, also Lieut.-Col. G. H. Dyke and two members of Auxiliary R.I.C.

Lieut. Clive Smith, M.C.,
Killed in action at Tel-a-Far.

On the 3rd June, 1920, two armoured cars of the 14th Light Armoured Motor Battery with a crew of four Fusiliers, under the command of Lieut. Clive Smith, and four Ford cars carrying spare parts left Mosul to reconnoitre the road towards Tel-a-Far, some 40 miles away to the West. As they failed to return an aeroplane was sent out and reported that one car was on fire outside the town and the others derelict inside. A punitive column reached Tel-a-Far on the 9th June and found the bodies of Lieut. Clive Smith and his crew together with those of the two Political Officers.

These are the only details of the case which appear to be certain. Whether the cars broke down, the armament proved defective, or they were caught in a trap we shall probably never know as all the witnesses on our side appear to have been killed. One cannot believe that Clive with all his war experience —especially in reconnaissance work—could have been easily trapped and one feels that either some grave misfortune occurred to the cars or that he was killed in a fight with vastly superior numbers.

Born on the 15th April, 1897, he was educated at the High School, Sunderland, where he showed great promise as an athlete, and at the age of 17 played in the Sunderland Cricket XI. When war broke out in 1914 he was still at School and on the 20th April, 1915, a few days after his 18th birthday, was given a commission in the 3rd Batt. Northumberland

LIEUT. CLIVE SMITH.

Fusiliers. In October, 1915, he joined the 2nd Battalion in France shortly before its departure with the 28th Division to Egypt. After some three weeks

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in Egypt he sailed with the Battalion for Macedonia where he served for the next two and a half years. During this period he took part in the actions of Nevoljen and Dolap Wood and, after a short time as Acting Adjutant, became Battalion Intelligence Officer. It was in this latter role that he rendered his most valuable services to the Battalion. All observation posts, sniping posts were under him and with the Battalion Scouts he was frequently engaged on special reconnaissance patrols. The broken country, thick thorn scrub, deserted villages, and against an enemy, an adept at night work, born and bred in the district, made night patrolling most difficult. Yet after an all night patrol he would return always smiling, his clothes torn to ribbons, and still full of energy and confidence. It was on a dawn patrol among the scrub which covered the foot-hills of the "Summer Line" that he was wounded. The patrol was about to search some deserted "dug-outs" when a number of Bulgars concealed in the scrub threw some stick-bombs at the party. Clive at once did what the Bulgars should have done—opened fire—which effectually "saw them off," but not before he had received a nasty wound in his knee from one of the bombs. For his work on patrols he was awarded the Military Cross.

In June, 1918, the Battalion left Macedonia for France and joined the 50th (Northumbrian) Division. The Division took part in the final advance in October, November, 1918. On the 4th November the Battalion was engaged in the taking and clearing of Normal Forest and for his gallant conduct and clever leading Clive was awarded a bar to his Military Cross.

After the Armistice he attended an Intelligence Course at Harrow and on its completion was compelled, by the old wound, to undergo an operation in his knee. A piece of bomb which had been allowed to remain had caused him a great deal of trouble during the later months of the war. In January, 1920, he rejoined his old Battalion in Mesopotamia and was at once attached to the 14th I.A.M.B.

The news of his death has caused great sorrow to his friends in the Regiment and especially to the men who had served under him, over whom his gallantry and coolness in action had always exercised great influence and attachment.

After coming safely through three years of war no one could have thought the Fates were about to call him from us so soon—and so for his relations his loss must be the harder to bear.

Regimental Notes.

1st BATTALION NOTES.

Christmas is upon us once more, and we are making every preparation to receive the immediate arrival of the propriate sport and jollification. No work is to be done from the 25th December to the 27th December and even the Orderly Room Staff has been prohibited from exercising its usual hateful activities. With this pleasing prospect before us we can genuinely wish absent friends and old comrades the merriest of Christmasses and the happiest of New Year's.

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Of late, we have undergone no less than two Generals' Inspections, one by Lord Cavan, K.P., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., M.V.O., on the 1st December, on taking over the Aldershot Command, and the other our Divisional Commander, Sir Guy Bainbridge, K.C.B., on the 20th December, who came over from Ireland for the purpose.

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Within the last month, barracks have assumed a novel aspect. Instead of the tired and care-worn faces of a few old hands endeavouring among great difficulties to keep the flag of St. George somewhere above half-mast, our eyes are gladdened by the youthful countenances of the last two Drafts from the Depôt.

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No less than 157 recruits have arrived, and it is hoped that having with praiseworthy military instinct, passed them on to superior authority, the Officers of the Depôt celebrated Christmas with an easy conscience. Nevertheless, we are delighted to greet our new comrades, and we wish them the best of good fortune during their career with the "Old and Bold." Besides, we may get No. 13 ground finished.

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"A" and "B" Drafts are expected to sail early in the New Year. They are at present enjoying a short Christmas leave.

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As everyone returning from leave assures us that the weather in their particular retreat was excellent, we make no excuse for mentioning the fact that we, at Bordon, have suffered from a blizzard and a succession of heavy frosts during the last fortnight. The picturesque appearance of the barracks in no wise compensated for the incidental discomforts, and for several days burst water pipes were the order of the day. However, Christmas was spent in an atmosphere almost Spring like, and as hunting is again in full swing, we have little to grumble at.

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The hard weather effectually stopped a meet of the Hampshire Hunt at the R.A. Mess, Bordon, to which we were all looking forward. However, the FIFTH were well represented at the Alton Meet on Christmas Eve.

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On the 22nd December the Aldershot Command Beagles paid us their first visit, the meet being at Broxhead House. In spite of the misdirected but enthusiastic efforts of a large field, a fairly good day's hunting ensued in which a hare with three legs was killed. The Battalion was represented by about 200 followers who turned out in a great variety of colours. It is hoped that, now that the ice has been broken, further fixtures in this locality may be arranged.

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True to its traditions the Battalion can claim to have survived Christmas battle-worn and weary. We have finally disposed of the good fare provided by the P.R.I.

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CHARGE OF THE 5TH FOOT (THE OLD AND BOLD) AT THE BATTLE OF SALAMANCA, JULY 22ND, 1812.
(Drawn by R. Simkin. The original in the collection of Alfred Brewis, Esq.)

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and are now engaged in the painful process of reconstruction. On Christmas Day the Commanding Officer visited the Dinners and drank the health of the Companies.

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We are now engaged in determining who will win the "Pagets Horse Cup." Letter W and Z Coys. are left in the final which is sure to be keenly contested.

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In order to counteract the effects of Christmas, a paper chase was held on the 27th December. One representative from each Company was sent as a hare and ably led by Capt. E. E. Dorman Smith, M.C., they set us a very difficult course about seven miles long. The going was extremely heavy, the chief obstacle consisting of about half a mile of bog. In spite of the fact that the hounds took a short cut back to barracks, the hares succeeded in getting in first by a clean ten minutes.

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Our best congratulations go to Capt. E. G. M. Buckley on the occasion of his engagement, in spite of which we hope to see him occasionally. *En passant* we would observe that the dodo ceased to exist through an inability to escape its pursuers. It died a victim to its torpid nature. The few remaining bachelors in the Officers' Mess, bearing in mind the sad fate of this interesting ornithological specimen, can be seen daily in running kit, and have expressed their intention of preserving their freedom by keeping in training.

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Christmas cards have been received from the following:—2nd Batt. 5th Fusiliers, Depôt, 5th Fusiliers, 2nd Batt. The Prince of Wales Own, 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers, Col. and Mrs. Girdwood, Col. and Mrs. Gordon, Lieut.-Col. H. Greenfield, Lieut.-Col. A. Landen, D.S.O., D.C.M., 41st Batt. The Welch Regiment, 1st Batt. Royal Scots Fusiliers, Royal Artillery Mess, Bordon, Maj.-Gen. E. R. C. Butler and Officers, R.A.V.C. Aldershot Command, Maj. and Mrs. R. M. Lamb, Maj. W. Platt, D.S.O., Capt. H. O. Sutherland and Capt. A. H. Gatehouse, M.C.

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We received a Christmas greeting from M. Georges Steinhard, our first Battalion Interpreter. We hear, for the first time, that he has received the Military Cross, and offer him our best congratulations. We hope he will come and see us on St. George's Day.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrival during the month. Capt. C. T. S. Cogan joined the Battalion for duty on the 1st December, 1920.

CORPORALS' MESS NOTES.

After a brief respite for Christmas we once again return to hard work.

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We held a Social on the 24th, which passed off very nicely, the tit-bit of the evening being the rendering of "Kilarney" by old Matty Walsh. However, a very pleasant evening finished when our supply of refreshments, which were heavily taxed by our newly made Lance-Corporals, ran out somewhere about mid-night. As stated during the evening by our Mess President (Cpl. Davies) we are hoping to arrange one of these evenings once a month *if* our funds will stand it.

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We have to place on record that a large number of Corporals have this day indented for new hats, a step which is entirely unnecessary as cold water will quickly restore them to their natural size.

HOCKEY NOTES.

Two more matches in the Bordon League have been played during the month. In the first on the 6th December, we met the 9th Brigade R.G.A., and after a keenly contested game succeeded in drawing—3 goals all. The noteworthy incident in this match was the discovery of an excellent goalkeeper in Q.M.S. Pack.

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In the second match on the 9th December we played the 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers and defeated them by 3 goals to 2. During the greater part of the game the ground was frozen, which made accurate play rather difficult. However, a splendid exhibition of hard hitting more or less compensated for this.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

On the 20th November the Battalion played the 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers in the Aldershot Senior League. The result was 5th Fusiliers, 3 goals; 1st Batt. Royal Dublin Fusiliers, 2 goals. The match was very keenly contested and our team deserves every credit. Our goalkeeper must be congratulated on his fine display by saving penalties and numerous shots from the opposing forwards. The team was as follows:—Sgt. Grundy (*goal*); Q.M.S. Adlard and Lce.-Cpl. Peppiatt (*backs*); Sgt. Newton, Sgt. Walsh and Dr.-Maj. Brace (*half-backs*); Bdsm. Benson, Pte. Evetts, Pte. Gray, Pte. Taylor and Pte. Ratcliffe (*forwards*).

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On the 8th December the match against 6th Brigade R.F.A., Ewshott, was cancelled owing to fog.

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During Christmas Week the Battalion Inter-Company Football Cup (Paget's Horse Cup) was competed for, the result that so far is: letter Z Coy. beat letter Y Coy. 11—1; and letter W Coy. beat letter X Coy. 4—0.

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The final will be played later on owing to the furlough season hampering many players turning out.

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The ground was extremely heavy in the Z *v.* Y match and play was not of the best though there is no doubt that letter Z Coy. was by far the superior side.

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The match between letter W Coy. and letter X Coy. was played under more favourable conditions and at times the play was very keenly contested. Letter W Coy. owe a great deal to their goalkeeper, Sgt. Brooks, who prevented at least two certain goals.

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DEPOT NOTES.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
23rd December, 1920.

The weather has been "seasonable," at least we think that is the right term for 14 degrees of frost which was registered during the month.

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Recruits have been coming in with great rapidity since recruiting was opened to London and overcrowding has been the rule. A large Draft of 125 left on the 15th to join the 1st Battalion.

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Col. Yatman visited the Depôt early in the month for a week-end and we hope to see him again before long.

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We have also had a visit from Maj. R. M. Lamb, who visited Newcastle to attend a Directors' Meeting of the Company of which he is a pillar of support.

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Maj. Yool, Commanding the 38th R.D., his Adjutant, one Company Commander, with the R.S.M., three W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s visited the Depôt in accordance with the scheme for inter-change of visits between Depôts.

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Recreation and Games have continued as usual in spite of the frost and other varieties of weather. Football has been going strong and detailed results are published elsewhere.

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Survivors of the 39th and 40th Battalions continue their "homing" flight to the Depôt for purposes of discharge. It would be interesting to calculate some day the total number which have passed through the Depôt during 1920 from these inexhaustible Units. We may expect the very last survivor to doddle in on two sticks shortly before the next war begins, and he may be certain of being welcomed with a public reception.

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We send our heartiest wishes for a happy New Year to 1st and 2nd Battalions.

SERGEANTS' MESS NOTES.

Imbued with the prevailing Christmas "Spirit" the Mess Football Team encountered the representatives of Barclay's Banks, at Gosforth, on Saturday, the 18th December.

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"Good cheer" and exceptional "strategy" on the part of the "C.-in-C." enabled the journey to be accomplished in a little under two hours.

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Although beaten by 4—1 the display was considered satisfactory under the conditions. Bad ground and "hazy" atmosphere 'though somewhat mitigated by the "spirited" effusion of the Depôt "talent" were poignant factors in our defeat.

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It is to be hoped that the return fixture will see the score reversed and as a re-assuring factor for our success it has been decided to hold the game in mid-week.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

It is pleasing to have to report a return to form of the Depôt Wednesday League Team and a corresponding rise in the League Table is encouraging to those who were inclined to be pessimistic of the merits of the Club. Such pronounced victories, too, of late, *v.* Rothley 4—0, *v.* Rothley 5—0, *v.* Meat Importers 5—0, indicate superiority of no mean degree and occasion the envy and fear of the civilian element in the League.

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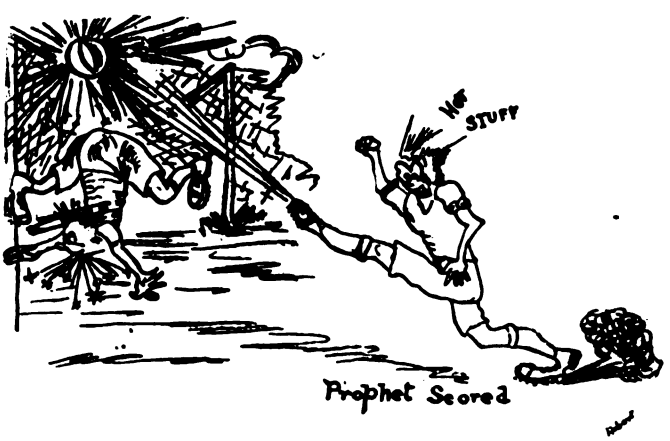
Described as a team of "heavy-weights" it is not surprising that the "points" are bagged in hurricane fashion and the "knock out" to opponents dealt with "solidarty"



that engenders the admiration and kindly remembrance of the vanquished.

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On Monday, the 20th December, in connection with the Northern Command Inter-Depôt Recruits' Football Competition, our Recruits played the East Yorks Regiment, and although having practically all the game, they were defeated 3—1. The game was witnessed by a large attendance from the Depôt and all were well satisfied with the quality of the play, especially that of Recruit Cobley who shows excellent ability which promises well for his future athletic career in the Service.

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After the encouraging display of the Recruits the W.O.'s and Sergeants deemed it advisable to "chance their arm" in a trial game with the youngsters. The game proved to be one of goals, though the Recruits were by no means behind in this direction. The final score of 5—3 in favour of the seniors was a true reflex of the game—though let it be said the hat trick performed by the Provost-Sergeant was rather enviously viewed by the "rookies."

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Editorial Notes.

THE OLD MILL HOUSE,
PRESTON CROWMARSH,
near WALLINGFORD,
31st December, 1920.

We are now in a position to supply Bound Volumes for the following years:—1890, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1906, 1907, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

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We take this opportunity of wishing everyone all the best of fortune in 1921. We also beg to thank all those who have so nobly assisted us in producing, with more or less regularity, the *St. George's Gazette* in 1920.

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We have received Christmas cards from the Officers, 1st Battalion; the Officers, 2nd Battalion; the W.O.'s, Staff Sergeants and Sergeants of the 1st Battalion.

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We beg to tender them our thanks for their kind thought and to apologise to all for the absence of an Editorial Christmas Card.

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The following *Gazettes* are at the printers awaiting addresses, having been returned by the Post Office as undelivered owing to addresses being unknown:—

Lieut. J. I. Atkinson
Capt. M. Barwick
Mrs. Bell (2nd Batt.)
Mr. T. Broom (2nd Batt.)
Mrs. Collins (2nd Batt.)
Mr. J. Dodds (2nd Batt.)
Capt. T. R. Ellison, M.C.
Capt. A. P. Garnier
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Miss M. Sayers (2nd Batt.)
Maj. Temperley, D.S.O.

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Subscriptions due in January:—

Mr. W. Brooks
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Lieut. D. Scott (2 years)
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Mr. Jos. Chislett
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ENGAGEMENT.

MAJ. B. GREW AND MISS SWIFT.

An engagement is announced between Maj. Benjamin Grew, 1st Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers, serving with the Palestine Government, and Eleanor Flora Enid, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burton Swift, Crescent House, Newtown, Montgomeryshire.

Letters to the Editor.

FENHAM BARRACKS,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
21st December, 1920.

FIRST AND SECOND BATTALIONS 5TH FUSILIERS MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor, "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The following subscriptions have been received for the Memorial Fund, 1st and 2nd Battalions 5th Fusiliers:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. J. F. Riddell	105	0	0
Maj. G. F. R. Leverson	10	0	0
Col. C. Turner	5	5	0
Already acknowledged	152	3	6
	£272	8	6

Yours faithfully,
ARCHIBALD MILNE HOME (Captain),
5th Fusiliers,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

NORTHUMBERLAND FUSILIERS' AID SOCIETY.

8, HIGHAM PLACE,
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
31st December, 1920.

To the Editor, "St. George's Gazette."

DEAR SIR,

The Executive Committee, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society, desire to acknowledge, with many thanks, subscriptions and donations received between 1st October and 31st December, 1920, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Col. W. H. Ritson	2	2	0
Mrs. J. F. Riddell	30	0	0
Per United Services Trustee:—			
52nd Batt. Northumberland Fusiliers	119	0	7
"A," M.G.C. Training Battalion	200	0	0
35th Batt. North. Fusrs.	20	12	7
" " further donation	28	9	0

Yours very truly,
J. M. BETT (Lieut.-Colonel),
Secretary, Northumberland Fusiliers' Aid Society.

A STEADY JOB.

Bridget returned to her mistress one night in a terrible state of concern, wailing in the way only an Irish servant girl can wail. She had been to a fortune-teller, she said between her sobs. "Did she say something terrible is going to happen to you?" inquired the sympathetic mistress. "Och, mem, worse," replied the maid, "she said me father works all day shovellin' on the coal and tindin' the foires to earn his daily bread." "My dear girl, there is no dishonour in that. Many other men have to make their living in that way." "Och, mem, I knows, but me poor father—bless his soul!—he's bin dead these last tin years. What a time he must be having!"

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THE CITY OF THE GOLDEN TEMPLE.

Indian Folk-Tales.

Indian folk-tales are as numerous as those in the Arabian Nights, and a crowd may frequently be seen listening to some peripatetic teller of tales, manifesting by their ejaculations their enjoyment of the story. We have selected the story of "The Jat and the Bania," as told by Sheikh Chilli, to whom our acknowledgments are due.

The Jat and the Bania.

In a certain village there lived a Bania, who kept a shop of rice, wheat, salt, oil, etc., and supplied all the small wants of its little community. One day, while on the way to the neighbouring town to make purchases for his shop, he met a poor Jat (cultivator) who also was going to the town to pay his monthly instalment of debt to the Mahajan (banker). It was a debt incurred by his great-grandfather to celebrate the obsequies of *his* great-grandfather. The debt, which in the beginning was but a hundred rupees, had grown tenfold during half a century with interest and compound interest. The poor fellow was cogitating as to how to save his ancestral lands from the clutches of the money-lender, when he was accosted by the Bania in the following words:—

"Well met, Chowdhri. I see you are going to your inexorable Mahajan, to pay your instalment. Can nothing be done to save your lands?"

The poor Jat said: "Ah, Shahjee! it is a sad tale as you know. My great-grandfather borrowed a hundred rupees; and the amount has swollen to one thousand rupees. How can my few *bighas* of land pay up such a large sum?"

"Do not grieve, Bhai Chowdhri: what is written on one's forehead must happen. So instead of bewailing your lot let us pass the tedium of this long journey by telling stories."

"Well suggested, Shahjee! I perfectly agree with you; there is no use weeping over that which is written in our *kismat*. So let us tell stories. But let this be the condition that, howsoever untrue or absurd the story may be, neither of us must call it untrue or even fictitious. He who does so must pay to the other one thousand rupees."

"Agreed," said the Bania. "Let me begin my tale," he added, and thus proceeded:

"You know my great-grandfather was the greatest man among the Banias, and was exceedingly rich?"

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"Now this great ancestor of mine once equipped forty ships and sailed to China and trafficked there in rich jewels and precious stones."

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"Well, when he had remained there long enough to amass a large fortune, he returned home, bringing with him many curiosities from that country. Among them there was a speaking statue of pure gold of such cunning workmanship that it could answer all questions put to it."

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"When my ancestor returned home, many came to have their fortune told by that wonderful statue and went away satisfied with its replies. One day thy great-grandfather came to my ancestor to ask some questions of the speaking statue. He asked: 'What caste of men is the wisest of all?' The statue replied: 'The Bania.' He next asked: 'What caste is the most foolish on earth?' The reply was, 'The Jat.' The last question thy great-grandfather asked was, "Who will be the greatest blockhead in my family?' The statue replied: 'Chowdhri *Lahri Singh*.'" (That was the name of our Jat hero.)

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat, though the covert hit of the Bania went to his heart, and he inwardly vowed to repay the Bania in his own coin, and in such measure that he would rue it the whole of his life.

"Well then," went on the Bania, "the fame of the statue spread far and wide, and reached the king, who, summoning my great-grandfather, made him his Prime Minister, in exchange for the statue."

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"My great-grandfather remained long the trusted and faithful Councillor of the Raja, and when he died my grandfather succeeded to the post. He lived in great affluence, but, not paying as much attention to his work as the Raja wished, he soon incurred the displeasure of the king, and was ordered to be trampled to death by an elephant. He was placed before a mad elephant, but as soon as the brute saw him he became calm, and, bowing down before my ancestor, lifted him with his trunk upon his back."

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"Well, then, when the king saw that the mad elephant would not kill my grandfather, he got pacified, and reinstated him in his favour and conferred great honours upon him. On the death of my grandfather, my father became Prime Minister, but, being of an enterprising turn of mind, he relinquished his situation and went on travel. In his tour round the world he saw many wonders, as, for instance, men with one leg who hung head downwards from the branches of trees, one-eyed men, giants, etc. One day my father perceived a musquito, hovering near his ear to sting him. My father was sorely dismayed, not knowing what to do, as you know we Banias are forbidden to kill any living creature."

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"So then, in great distress, my father fell on his knees and implored the mercy of the insect. On being thus entreated the musquito said: 'Most noble Shahjee! You are the greatest man I have seen. I will do you a great

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service,' saying which the musquito opened its mouth, and my father saw within it a large palace of burning gold, with many windows, eaves, gates, etc., and at one of the windows the most beautiful female figure he had ever seen. On the door of the palace he saw a peasant about to assault the princess. My father, who was famous for his spirit of chivalry, at once jumped into the mouth of the musquito and entered its stomach. It was all dark, and he found himself groping in the belly of the insect."

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"After some time the darkness melted away, and my father again saw the palace, the princess, and the peasant. My father, being a very courageous man, fell upon the peasant, who was no other than thy father. They fought for a year in the stomach of the musquito, after which period thy father acknowledged himself vanquished and gave up all claims to the princess. So my father married the princess and lived in that palace, and I was born there. Thy father remained in the service of my father as Durwan and used to sit the whole day and night at the door keeping watch. When I was fifteen years old, a heavy rain of boiling water fell upon our palace, which, melting away, threw us into a burning sea. After much trouble we reached the shore, and we four, *viz.*, my father, thy father, the princess and myself, jumped at once from the sea upon the shore. When, lo! we found ourselves in a kitchen, and the cook looking terror-stricken at our appearance! After some minutes, when she had been assured that we were men and not ghosts, she said: 'You are nice fellows to spoil my broth. What business had you to enter that pot of boiling water in which I was cooking my fish and frighten me thus?' We all apologised to her and said: 'If we were in that pot, it was through ignorance. For it is fifteen years since we have been living in a palace within the belly of a musquito.' 'Ah! I remember,' said the cook, 'just fifteen minutes ago I saw a musquito who stung me on my arm. Here is the wound which the wretch inflicted. I fear you must have been injected into my arm by the insect, for I felt extraordinary pain. I squeezed out the poison, and I saw a black drop as large as this mustard seed, and it happened to fall into the boiling water, and I never imagined that you were in it. My father replied: 'Bibiji, this seems to be the most satisfactory explanation of how we came into the pot. Our fifteen years must have been your fifteen minutes.' In fact, I was but fifteen minutes old, though in stature and strength I was like a boy of fifteen years. We found to our surprise that we had been only fifteen minutes in the belly of the insect, though in that short space of time I had been conceived and born, and grown so big, and my father and thy father had grown older by fifteen years. Though I look like a man of five-and-twenty or thereabout, I am in reality a child of ten years, my extraordinary growth being the result of my fifteen minutes' residence in the burning belly of the musquito."

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"When we came out we found that we had come to another country, that, in fact, we were in this village. So my father, who was a Prime Minister before now, took to shopkeeping and I to helping him. The princess, my mother, died the other day, as you know. This is my story."

"True, O Shahjee, true!" said the Jat.

"Your story is very true. My story, though not less true, is, I fear, not so wonderful. It is perfectly true, yea, every word of it. Now hear it with attention.

"My great-grandfather was the most well-to-do Jat in the whole village. His distinguished appearance, noble demeanour and profound wisdom extorted praise from all who came in contact with him. He was universally respected in the community, and being the head man of the village, his voice was ever raised in defence of the weak. In the *Chowpal* and village meetings the foremost seat was always given him, and the *hooka* invariably first offered him. He was loved by all for his many good qualities; whenever any poor fellow was in distress he would help him by every means in his power; he would gladly lend his oxen to others to plough their fields; he would send his own men to reap the fields for others when they were short of hands; and everybody was welcome to a share in the products of his fields and dairy. He settled all the disputes of the community, and there was none who questioned his authority. In fact, his mandates had greater force than the edicts of the Emperor or the decrees of the *Kazi*. He was a terror to the wicked, for, being of great physical strength—greater than that of Rustam or Bhim Sain—none dared incur his displeasure by any transgression of the human or divine law."

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

"Well, once upon a time a great famine fell upon our village. No rain fell on the land; the rivers and wells dried up and the trees withered away. The cattle starved for want of fodder, and birds and beasts died on all sides in thousands. When my great-grandfather saw that the stores of the last year were exhausted, and the people would soon die of hunger if prompt steps were not taken to remedy the evil, he called together all the Jats, and addressed them thus: 'Brother Jats, surely the god Indra has become angry with us, or he would not have withheld rain. I see clearly that we must all soon die of hunger if measures be not taken to meet the calamity. If you hear my advice, I will try to supply you with food during the entire season of scarcity. I only want that you should all give up your fields to me for six months so that I may make them fruitful.' 'Agreed,' cried unanimously all the Jats. Well, then, my great ancestor at once girded up his loins, and by one strong pull lifted up the whole village of a thousand bighas of land and placed it on his head."

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"True, Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania, smiling inwardly at this tissue of preposterous nonsense.

"Well, then, my ancestor, carrying the whole village on his head, went about in search of rain. Wherever it rained there he went with the whole village on his head, and collected all the rain water on the fields and in the reservoirs thereon. Having thus watered the fields, he told the Jats to plough up the land and sow the seed. Thus for full six months my great-grandfather went from one country to another after the clouds and the rains and accumulated all the rainfall of the season in his village. In the meantime his Jats ploughed and sowed, and the crops had never been so splendid. The wheat and the maize stalks being so copiously watered, rose up to such a height that they touched the sky."

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

"When my ancestor had accomplished his tour round the world with the village and its inhabitants upon his head, he returned to his country and placed the village where it had formerly stood. My great-grandfather reaped a plentiful harvest that year, and the whole village now belonged to him. The growth of the maize and the wheat was prodigious; every grain of corn was as big as thy head."

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

"Well, when all the grain was collected, the produce proved abundant, so that there was not room enough to store it. People from all parts of the country and from distant lands, hearing of our wonderful harvest, came to purchase the grain, and great was the profit which my ancestor made by the sales. Thousands and tens of thousands of rupees did my ancestor distribute among the needy; to many he gave the corn *gratis;* from those who could well afford to pay he took but a fair price."

By the time the story of the Jat reached thus far they had entered the town, and the Jat went on with his tale as follows:—

"At that time your great-grandfather was a very poor man, and my ancestor, out of pity, employed him as a menial servant to weigh out the grain to the customers."

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

"Your ancestor was employed all day and night in weighing the corn, and was very pitiable to see, and being a blockhead, often made mistakes in counting up the weights of the grain he sold, for which he often got good thrashings from my ancestor."

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

By this time they had entered the shop of the Mahajan (moneylender) to whom the Jat was indebted. They found the banker at his post, and the travellers bidding him "*Ram Ram*," sat down on the floor. But the Jat, without speaking to the banker, went on with his history: "Well, Shahjee, when my great-grandfather had sold off all the harvest your great grandfather's occupation being gone, he was discharged. He then, before going away, asked a loan of my ancestor of one hundred rupees, which the latter generously gave."

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

"Very good," said the Jat, raising his voice so that the banker might also hear, "your ancestor did not repay that debt."

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

"Neither did your grandfather nor your father pay off that debt, nor have you paid it up to this time."

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

"Now that sum of one hundred rupees, with interest and compound interest at the usual rate, makes up exactly one thousand rupees, which sum you owe me," said the Jat.

"True, O Chowdhari, true!" said the Bania.

"So, as you have admitted the debt before my Mahajan, I request you to pay the amount to him so that I may have my lands released."

This came like a thunder-clap on the Bania. He had admitted the debt before a third party. He was between the two horns of a dilemma. If he said that it was merely a story and altogether false, he must pay according to the terms of their bet; if he said it was true, he must pay the sum according to his own admission. So, *nolens volens*, he paid up the heavy forfeit and rued his folly for the remainder of his life.

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